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### I. N. J.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other  
assembled for its thirty-first National Convention, being the  
Delegate Synod, at Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday, June 16.  
ing services were held in St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. E.  
r, pastor, at 10 A. M. The sermon was preached by the Rev.  
ident F. Brand from Eph. 5, 16: "Redeeming the time be-  
days are evil." A short English address was also delivered  
Rev. Martin S. Sommer. It was an impressive service. The  
appeal of its sermons, the mighty choral song of the throngs  
singers, including Luther's "Ein' Feste Burg," and the splendid  
of the 54th Psalm by the Detroit Teachers' Chorus, all  
ed towards making it a service long to be remembered.

### The First Session.

first session began promptly at 2 P. M. with Scripture-reading  
er by the Rev. R. Smukal. The tedious and time-consuming  
of registration of former years was dispensed with. For the  
members the delegates were referred to the booklet gotten out  
ordia Publishing House. Registration of members in atten-  
ad been in progress since early in the morning, and the  
reported that up to 1.30 P. M. 211 voting pastors, 215 voting  
26 presidents, 23 professors, 42 advisory pastors, 64 teachers,  
delegates of general and district boards had registered. Con-  
ly there were absent or yet unregistered 32 pastors and 28  
ates. Hereupon President Pfotenhauer declared the Synod  
and read his Synodical Address and President's Report.

## Synodical Address of President Proctor

We lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence help. Amen.

REVEREND AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST,

Our Savior's parting conversations with His Church, the Evangelist St. John has recorded, are the Lord's parting words to the Church of the New Testament unto the end of days. While the Church of the New Testament was primarily comfort and consolation, they prove beyond all doubt that while Christ's kingdom is preeminently a kingdom of grace, the Church of God can grow and flourish also in need of grace. This fact Church History has sufficiently proved. In the persecutions of the first three centuries the Church grew stronger, more powerful and was spread abroad. Despite the hostile opposition of the men of this world, which Luther and his collaborators met, the Gospel ran a swift course, and the seed took root in many. As a rule, in fact, the Church of God thrives in storm and in fair weather. Accordingly, we should not be discouraged or dispirited by the evil times in which we live at present. The stability of the Church must remain settled beyond all doubt, so that with holy zeal we at all times study and strengthen the Church. In His parting words the Savior admonishes us, this, saying, John 15, 16: "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, that your fruit should remain."

Here the Lord Jesus draws our attention to the fact that the Church of God arises on this wise, that He chooses men, and wherefore it is not due to our merit and worthiness, but to the grace and ineffable grace of our Savior that we are Christians. A Christian dare say: I believe on Jesus Christ and call Him my Savior because I have chosen Him, and in my heart have received Him as my Savior. On the contrary, whoever is a Christian because the Savior, by His grace and mercy, has brought him out of the sinful human race and has kindled in him the light of faith. The Lord is deeply concerned that this light be in no wise beclouded, but stand forth clear and distinct. He says: "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you." If man removes this contrast and deranges this relation by claiming that man has contributed something, though it be ever so small, to his conversion, destroys the Christian doctrine and contradicts the statement of our Savior. God's children at all times rest in their entire salvation, beginning, middle, and end, rests in the hands of my Savior, but solely and alone in the hands of my Savior, who bought me with His blood.

Certain as this is, however, it does not follow

an idler who enjoys God's grace and awaits the future activity. On the contrary, a Christian is so disposed that without ceasing. Such is the nature and mind which planted in Him: "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." Here the Lord compares every Christian to a tree which He has planted in, i. e., the Christian Church, and which He now faithfully digging about it, dunging it, pruning it, and purging it to bear fruit. Hence, while the Scriptures on the one hand are against in any way placing our confidence in works, they, on the other hand, admonish us to be diligent unto good works. "Good and pious works never make a good and pious man; a good and pious man makes good and pious works, so we must always be good and pious before all good works, and good works follow and proceed from a pious and good person." The children of God constantly examine themselves whether they are in fruits, beseeching their Lord to make them ever richer in fruits, admonishing each other unto all good works. And this is what we do at the present Synod. Brethren, the Lord has commanded that we go and bring forth fruit. As we look back on our past we must accuse ourselves for not having been richer in fruits in our office and estate. How often, during the past years, has littleness of faith and despair laid hold of our hearts? How much have earthly things engrossed our attention and turned our eyes from the eternal! How often have we failed in steadfastness and the true courage of confession! How often times weary of carrying on the Lord's work! Let us turn this to our God, beseeching Him to give us more strength, that we may bring forth more fruit. Now, the fruits which we seek especially on the tree of our Synod are these, that we preach among us in truth and purity, and that we, as children of God, also lead a holy life according to it. Our members must therefore exercise diligence that their congregations increase in knowledge. Congregations must be concerned that young people receive a thorough schooling in the sound doctrine and that the principles of holy living, laid down in God's Word, be practised in their midst, thus assuming a firm position against socialism, lodgery, worldliness, and the like, that they prove themselves to be a salt in the place where they dwell and a light to others and makes of them also blessed children of God. Whereas, during these days we are assembled as the representatives of our congregations, God grant that we bring forth fruit from our deliberations serve to the hallowing of God's name among ourselves and other men by pure doctrine and godly living, that His kingdom come and His good and gracious will be done.

Great and important matters pertaining to the educational institutions, the spread of our mission, the festation of gratitude to the sick and aged, shall await the action of this present Synod. Let us enter our deliberations in the consciousness that we are chosen by whom a sure and rich inheritance is laid up in heaven, called to work here on earth. In all transactions let the words of Jesus ever echo in our hearts: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and have ordained you, that ye should bear forth fruit."

The Lord adds the words: "And that your fruit should abide." Many a tree puts forth wild wood, which robs the tree of sap and strength, so that the fruit does not ripen for that tree when the gardener comes and prunes the wild wood. We, too, must keep watch over ourselves, lest we bear wild shoots and bear worthless fruit. Hustle and hurry in all manner of undertakings, the organization of societies, and the like are often considered fruit of the Church, while they may be wild wood which is burned. Jesus has ordained us that we go and bear fruit, and that our fruit remain.

All those fruits remain which grow out of the Gospel and serve the Gospel.

God grant that during these days we mature not only in faith, but bear fruit that remains, to the joy of God's Father, to the joy of his holy angels, to the increase of our dear Savior's kingdom, to the glory of our great God! Amen.

## President's Report.

The customary President's Report dare be brief, as the memorials afford the delegates not only an insight into the work within our Synod during the past three years, but also a full explanation of the work before us. The following is a summary.

Three years ago our Synod numbered 2,740 pastors, 4,170 congregations and preaching-stations, 972,000 communicants, 2,310 schools served by 1,120 teachers, 96,700 pupils, 85,900 Sunday-school pupils.

The present numbers are: 2,893 pastors and preachers, 4,328 congregations and preaching-stations, 1,006,065 souls, 1,328 schools (besides 630 summer and Sabbath schools), 1,080 teachers (besides 262 lady teachers), 956 pastors, 83,875 pupils, and 100,429 Sunday-school scholars. The number of souls increased by 34,065, and the number of pupils by 12,825.



the foregoing term of three years, the offerings for extra-  
 nal church purposes totaled \$2,590,000; during the term  
 \$6,176,000.

meetings of the districts were held in the usual manner.  
 committed owing to the stress of the time. None of the  
 convening were in any way disturbed from without. The  
 discussions were edifying and were followed with interest.  
 tion was given to the school question and to home missions  
 districts. The affairs of Synod were also diligently dis-  
 organization of new districts will be presented to Synod  
 on.

the past three years our educational institutions were  
 the undersigned as well as by the Survey Committee. The  
 tions of the latter with respect to raising the standard  
 er educational system are among the business before Synod  
 to be thoroughly discussed. Even though we in no wise  
 fer the aim of our educational institutions primarily to  
 stors and teachers for the Church to be altered, changed  
 nevertheless, demand all manner of new arrangements.

ynodical Treasury is at present free from debt. Still this  
 ury must in future be still more amply remembered by  
 gations in order to meet the increased demands. The  
 salaries are not in proper relation to the high cost of  
 St. Paul, Minn., we have made an agreement with our  
 brethren whereby Norwegian boys may study at our in-  
 This arrangement will, no doubt, meet with the approval  
 The brethren in South America petition for the removal  
 titution to a more favorable location in Porto Alegre.  
 brethren in Western Canada desire a preparatory school.  
 eral, Synod's finances are in a sound condition, as appears  
 report of the treasurer. The Lutheran Laymen's League,  
 last convention wished God-speed, will turn over to Synod  
 collection for the support of our old and infirm servants  
 arch and their dependents.

missions have passed through trying years. In India espe-  
 ditions have not improved. Diligent work has been done  
 ted States and in Canada. The time, however, seems to  
 en large congregations can be gathered in a comparatively

Our missionaries must learn more and more that in the  
 of God one must not reckon with numbers. Important  
 on missions at home and abroad are before Synod for  
 The necessary attention must also in these days be de-  
 ur congregational school system. Not only is it oppressed  
 out, but all manner of reverses are arising also in our

own midst. The dearth of teachers has never been felt. Many a school has been closed, since congregations, in endeavor, were not able to secure a teacher.

The relations with our brethren of the Synodical Conference were most intimate during the trying years of war. We were in common cause with them in the difficult matter of providing boys in the army and the navy, as well as in the fight for our country. The brethren in Europe and Australia cling to us in unchanging and fellowship of faith. Our Intersynodical Committee has a gratifying report to make.

The duties with which I was charged at the last convention have been carried out as far as possible. The past three years were years of work and responsibility for the General President and the Presidents. Not only were the prescribed visits at synods and institutions made, but very many committee meetings were held. The correspondence was at times very large. The Vice-Presidents have untiringly assisted me and were at all times prepared to do so with advice and assistance.

Lord, abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent! Amen.

### Sessions.

(German Report, p. 9.)

The meetings were held in Harmonie Hall. Fifteen business sessions were held from Wednesday, June 16 to Friday noon, June 25. Hours for sessions were: 9 A. M. to noon; 1.30 to 4 P. M. During the second week the afternoon sessions were extended to 4.30 P. M. Each session was opened with a brief devotional service, in which Pastors Alf. Fuehler (Southern Illinois District) and F. C. W. (Atlantic District) served as chaplains. In the devotional service of Friday, June 25, special mention was made of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, June 25, 1530.

### Assistant Secretary.

Rev. Paul F. Bente (English District) was elected Assistant Secretary. In each session he read an English summary of the proceedings of the previous session. He also prepared an English Report for publication.

### Nomination Committee for Committees on Appeals.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 9, 29.)

The President had refrained from appointing a committee on appeals. Accordingly Pres. E. A. Mayer, Pres. H. Meyer, Rev. H. Sandvoss, Teacher B. Schumacher, and Lay Delegate C. Bruer

the floor as a nominating committee for Committees No. 18). Their nominations resulted in the election of Committee 18A: Dir. Luecke (Cent.); Pastors and Tresselt (Mich.); Teacher Capelle (N. Ill.); Lay (West.) and Schefft (Wis.). Committee 18B: Pas- (Minn.), Traub (Mich.), Fedder (Oreg. and Wash.); (Tex.); Lay Delegates Mauntler (Mich.) and (and Wash.).

## Nomination Committee on Elections.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 9. 29.)

Judge of Elections, Pastor Oscar H. Horn, also arranged election of a Nominating Committee for Elections. The were elected: Pastors F. C. Streufert, L. A. Linn, H. Daib, ; Teachers R. A. Mangelsdorf, A. L. Wendt; Lay Carl Zollmann, J. Pipkorn, W. C. Seehausen, J. Neils.

## Joint Sessions of Committees.

(Germ. Rep., p. 9.)

Since the memorials referred to Committees 1, 16, 6, 10, and 15 up to some extent, these committees were ordered to have sessions at the call of the chairman of Committee 1.

## The Press.

A committee appointed by the chair prepared a daily report of sessions as well as reports for the daily papers. The daily report was in the *Detroit Abendpost*. The editors of the *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness* were also ordered to bring a summary of the Convention in the next issue of their periodicals.

## Committees.

(Germ. Rep., p. 10.)

Before being discussed on the floor of Synod, the reports, petitions and memorials presented to Synod were referred to special committees appointed by the President and published in *Lutheraner* and *Lutheran Witness*. At the close of the first session the committees met to arrange for a time of meeting. The unprinted memorials were also at this time given to the respective committees. Committee 1 on Educational Institutions and Committee 2 on Con- had been in session since Monday and Tuesday respectively. the roster of committees see German Report, p. 28f.

Table of Attendance.

| SYNODICAL DISTRICTS.<br>(Alphabetical order according<br>to the German.) | DELEGATES PRESENT: |                  |            |                 |                | DELEGATES ABSENT: |           |           |           |                      | SPECIAL<br>DELE-<br>GATES: | GUESTS:   |           |            |       |  |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------|--|
|  | VOTING.            |                  | ADVISORY.  |                 |                | VOTING.           | ADVISORY. |           |           | Prof. and<br>Pastors |                            | Teachers  | Men       | Ladies     | Total |  |
|  | Pastors            | Lay<br>Delegates | Total      | Pro-<br>fessors | Pres-<br>tents |                   | Pastors   | Teachers  | Total     |                      |                            |           |           |            |       |  |
|  |                    |                  |            |                 |                |                   |           |           |           |                      |                            |           |           |            |       |  |
| 1. Atlantic.....   | 10                 | 10               | 20         | 1               | 2              | 2                 | 2         | 9         | 16        | —                    | 2                          | —         | 1         | 1          | 12    |  |
| 2. Brazil.....   | —                  | —                | —          | 1               | 1              | —                 | —         | —         | 1         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 1     |  |
| 3. California and Nevada.....  | 3                  | 1                | 4          | 3               | 1              | 1                 | —         | —         | 2         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 2     |  |
| 4. Canada.....   | 3                  | 2                | 5          | 1               | 1              | 1                 | —         | —         | 2         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 2     |  |
| 5. English.....  | 15                 | 15               | 30         | 1               | 2              | 3                 | —         | —         | 7         | —                    | 1                          | 3         | 8         | 1          | 19    |  |
| 6. Iowa.....   | 11                 | 12               | 23         | 1               | 2              | 3                 | —         | —         | 8         | —                    | 1                          | 2         | 3         | 1          | 18    |  |
| 7. Kansas.....   | 14                 | 14               | 28         | 1               | 2              | 2                 | —         | —         | 5         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 5     |  |
| 8. Michigan.....   | 16                 | 15               | 31         | 1               | 2              | 2                 | —         | —         | 1         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 1     |  |
| 9. Minnesota.....  | 17                 | 16               | 33         | 1               | 2              | 10                | —         | —         | 21        | —                    | 1                          | 1         | 2         | 4          | 28    |  |
| 10. Central.....   | 24                 | 23               | 47         | 1               | 2              | 1                 | —         | —         | 24        | 2                    | 3                          | 5         | 1         | 1          | 33    |  |
| 11. Nebraska.....  | 17                 | 17               | 34         | 1               | 3              | 2                 | —         | —         | 17        | —                    | 1                          | 1         | 1         | 1          | 24    |  |
| 12. Northern Illinois.....   | 19                 | 19               | 38         | 1               | 3              | 10                | —         | —         | 26        | 2                    | 2                          | 2         | 2         | 4          | 34    |  |
| 13. Northern Wisconsin.....  | 8                  | 8                | 16         | 1               | 1              | 1                 | —         | —         | 4         | —                    | 1                          | 1         | 1         | 1          | 8     |  |
| 14. N. Dakota and Montana.....   | 4                  | 4                | 8          | 1               | 1              | 1                 | —         | —         | 3         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 3     |  |
| 15. Oregon and Washington.....   | 4                  | 4                | 8          | 1               | 1              | 1                 | —         | —         | 3         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 3     |  |
| 16. Eastern.....   | 15                 | 15               | 30         | 1               | 1              | 2                 | —         | —         | 4         | —                    | 1                          | 1         | 1         | 1          | 8     |  |
| 17. South Dakota.....  | 6                  | 6                | 12         | 1               | 1              | 1                 | —         | —         | 3         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 3     |  |
| 18. Southern Illinois.....   | 8                  | 8                | 16         | 1               | 1              | 2                 | —         | —         | 5         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 5     |  |
| 19. Southern Wisconsin.....  | 10                 | 10               | 20         | 1               | 2              | 4                 | —         | —         | 7         | —                    | 1                          | 1         | 2         | 3          | 12    |  |
| 20. Southern.....  | 2                  | 1                | 3          | 1               | —              | 1                 | —         | —         | 3         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 3     |  |
| 21. Texas.....   | 5                  | 5                | 10         | 1               | 1              | 1                 | —         | —         | 3         | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 3     |  |
| 22. Western.....   | 22                 | 22               | 44         | 1               | 6              | 1                 | —         | —         | 29        | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 29    |  |
| 23. Central Illinois.....  | 11                 | 8                | 19         | 1               | 3              | 3                 | —         | —         | 17        | —                    | —                          | —         | —         | —          | 17    |  |
| <b>Totals.....</b>   | <b>311</b>         | <b>333</b>       | <b>644</b> | <b>31</b>       | <b>57</b>      | <b>94</b>         | <b>7</b>  | <b>20</b> | <b>78</b> | <b>630</b>           | <b>7</b>                   | <b>10</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>644</b> |       |  |

## Excuses.

Following were excused for late arrival or early departure:  
 Kirrig, R. G. Gaiser, L. A. Grotheer, F. W. Horstmann,  
 H. A. Klein, H. Koenig, E. Kolbe, W. J. Kowert,  
 A. Merting, E. P. Merkel, P. Pennekamp, O. Praetorius,  
 A. Schmidt, Dir. G. A. Romoser; Lay Delegates H. G.  
 J. A. Hackbart, H. J. Sachtleben, G. F. Wangerin.

Following were excused on account of temporary absence:  
 Frincke, Prof. G. Mezger; Lay Delegates: Fred Lang,

Following were excused for absence during the entire time:  
 Pastors D. E. Andreae, P. Schroeder.

## New Members.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 29. 30.)

Recommendation of Committee 17, the following were received  
 membership of Synod:

*Congregations:* Ev. Luth. Bethlehem Congregation, Peters-  
 burg, Ind.; Ev. Luth. Church of Our Redeemer, Indianapolis, Ind.;  
 Ev. Luth. Church, Angola, Ind.; St. Paul's Congregation,  
 Calgary, Alta., Can.

*Pastors and Teachers:—*

Atlantic District: Pastors H. W. Storm, of New York, N. Y.;  
 Stephen, of Elizabeth, N. J.; G. Jurkszat, of Boston, Mass.;  
 Wittschen, of Greensboro, N. C. Teachers H. Bruening, of  
 New York, N. Y.; A. W. Grosz, of Meriden, Conn.

English District: Pastors John Henry Miller, of Harrisburg, Pa.,  
 a member of the General Council.

Michigan District: Candidate P. J. Gold; Teachers J. Straub,  
 Meyer, E. Wardin, K. Mueller, E. Liefer.

Minnesota District: Candidate W. H. Luke.

Nebraska District: Candidates Otto R. Heinitz, A. C. Marquardt,  
 Grueber.

Northern Wisconsin District: Candidates J. H. Nau (1919),  
 Nau (1919), A. F. Werner (1920), Henry Mueller, Karl Schulz,  
 F. Ramlow, A. Marutz. Graduates of teachers' seminaries:  
 Schusius, M. Schulz.

North Dakota and Montana District: Pastors V. Bartling, A.  
 Brauer, Theo. Eggers, P. Ernst, A. Grewe, K. Henschert,  
 Mann, A. Horn, G. Krach, Ch. Mack, H. Wiese, L. Wohlfeil.

North Dakota District: Candidate Emil Janssen. Graduates of  
 seminaries: Ferdinand Evers, Harry Niermann.

Southern Illinois District: Graduate of teachers' college, M. Jutzi.

Southern District: Pastors O. Hemmann, K. Kasper, H. Oberdick, Miles Gebauer.

Western District: Candidate Oscar E. Feucht.

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

### I. General Resolutions.

#### Resolutions concerning Increase of Salaries.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 30. 31.)

The reports of the Board of Directors and of various local boards of institutions, as well as numerous memorials, called Synod's attention to the need of increasing the salaries of the professors.

#### ACTION.

Synod resolved to increase the salaries of all professors, beginning July 1, 1920. The normal or basic salary for regular professors was fixed at \$1,800 per year and free dwelling. According to a previous ruling of Synod, the professors of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. were exempted from this rule and were granted an increase of 10 per cent. over their present salaries. The salaries of assistant professors at our colleges were fixed at \$900 per year.

#### Terms of Assistant Professors.

The Board of Directors also reported that they had repeatedly been requested to increase the salary of an assistant professor above the customary amount, asking Synod what to do in such cases. They also asked Synod to pass definite resolutions fixing the term of office of assistant professors.

#### ACTION.

Synod resolved to adhere to the custom of retaining assistant professors for a term of two years. In special instances, however, local boards are permitted to retain an assistant professor for one or two additional years. Should this necessitate an increase of salary, the amount shall be determined by the local board acting in conjunction with the Board of Directors.

#### Erection of Professors' Residences in Cases of Emergency.

The Board of Directors reported that they had repeatedly been compelled to erect professors' residences before Synod could act on the matter, since no suitable residence could be found for one

the professors. In order to obviate the necessity of taking  
 ownership in the hope that Synod would subsequently ratify  
 requested Synod to authorize them to erect such residences  
 in emergencies arise.

#### ACTION.

Synod resolved to authorize the Board of Directors to erect  
 residences in cases of emergency, when no suitable home  
 found for them.

#### Tabular Report of Institutions.

(Germ. Rep., p. 32.)

At the Convention in 1917 Synod assigned to the Board of  
 Supervisors the duty of issuing a tabular report of our institutions.  
 (Syn. Ber. 1917, p. 43). This involves a duplication of work, since  
 the statistician also makes such a compilation. On request of the  
 Board, Synod resolved to relieve the Board of this duty and to assign  
 the same to the statistician.

#### Meeting of Representatives of Institutions and Board of Directors.

(Germ. Rep., p. 33.)

On recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, Synod author-  
 ized them to call a meeting of the representatives of our institutions  
 and the Board of Directors at the Delegate Synod in order to afford  
 opportunity for personal contact, removal of misunderstanding, and  
 harmonious cooperation.

#### Disburdening of Mess Funds.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 33. 35.)

The Board of Supervisors and several memorials also recom-  
 mended that the drain on the mess funds of our institutions be  
 somewhat checked by defraying the cost of heating the buildings  
 from the Synodical Treasury. During the year 1919 the average  
 allowance per meal was 7 cents.

#### ACTION.

Synod resolved that the cost of heating the buildings of our  
 institutions and, in the case of the teachers' colleges, the electric  
 power for the organs shall hereafter be defrayed from the Synodical  
 Treasury. The Board of Directors was ordered also to assign to  
 each institution a certain territory from which gifts in money and  
 produce can be solicited for the institution.

**Board of Education. Superintendent.**

(Germ. Rep., p. 34.)

The Pastors' and Teachers' Conference of Fort Wayne and Vicinity presented a memorial asking Synod to elect a Board of Education to carry out uniformly the educational resolutions passed at Detroit and to empower this Board to appoint a Superintendent for our higher educational system.

**ACTION.**

Synod resolved to refer this matter to a committee appointed by the Chair for further deliberation and for recommendation at the next convention.

**Annual Institution Sunday.**

Action to this effect was requested in a memorial of the Northern Illinois District; Synod, however, declined to pass such resolution.

**Report of the Survey Committee.**

(Germ. Rep., pp. 35. 36.)

The Convention of 1917 ordered the President in consultation with the four Vice-Presidents to appoint a Committee on Educational Survey. This Committee, consisting of P. Roesener, F. Tresselt, W. Dallmann, C. F. Brommer, and O. L. Hohenstein, made a complete survey of our educational institutions with respect to educational standards and courses of instruction. They report that the men who compose the faculties of our institutions are faithful and pious professors who at all times have endeavored to train up not only well-informed, but also truly Christian pastors and teachers. Nevertheless their own examinations and deliberations as well as the advice and recommendations of others have crystallized in them the conviction that existing conditions in both the Church and the world, as well as the increased demands made on our pastors and teachers make a higher standard of education imperative. To this end they made a number of recommendations. These together with memorials from other sources and the reports of the various local boards led to the following resolutions:—

**Resolutions Concerning Higher Education.**

(Germ. Rep., p. 35.)

In order to awaken love and zeal for study, it was resolved that the professors again and again hold before their pupils the high aims and the glorious purpose of their various studies. Scholars in the lower classes especially are to receive the necessary directions for solving their problems, and, in general, for studying correctly. Where



the customary literary degrees are to be conferred on our

Debating societies shall enjoy the friendly supervision, management, and advice of a professor. The necessary instruction and practical hints concerning the cultivation and care of the vocal organs are to be imparted. In the interest of health physical exercises are to be taken up at our colleges and normal schools. In order to promote personal Christianity, scholars are to be urged daily and habitually to read the Holy Scriptures for their own edification and in the direction of the instructor in religion, and to be diligently engaged in daily prayer. Devotional exercises shall be conducted with all possible variation in prayers, hymns, and Scripture-lessons. Important events shall there receive due notice. In the study of the Bible, the great difference between Christianity and heathenism is to be repeatedly emphasized. The President of Synod and his assistants, members of respective boards of control, and boards of trustees shall diligently visit the institutions. The professors ought to visit occasionally to visit each other's classes to stimulate mutual interest and to promote harmonious cooperation. Grammatical instruction especially is to be given in cooperative manner to avoid needless and wasteful repetition. New institutions shall be built on a systematic plan.

With reference to the libraries it was resolved to give the students access also to the professors' libraries; to provide for a better use of the St. Louis Seminary library on the part of pastors; to recommend the libraries of our normal schools to our teachers for frequent use; to appropriate \$100 more annually for the libraries at the institutions in St. Louis, Springfield, River Forest, Seward, Fort Payne, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Bronxville, Winfield, and Concordia. A sum of \$50 is to be granted to Portland, \$75, Porto Alegre, \$75, and Portland, \$75.

### Accrediting of Institutions.

(Germ. Rep., p. 36.)

An unprinted memorial of the Chicago Pastoral Conference requested such changes in the curricula of the theological institutions that would make it possible that the normal course of these institutions could be accredited with the State so that the graduates could obtain State teachers' certificates.

### ACTION.

Synod resolved that the courses at St. Louis and Springfield be so shaped that the graduates of these institutions, who are often called upon to teach school in their mission-work, can secure State teachers' certificates, which in some States are required of those who must teach school.

**Resolutions to Raise the Standard of our Teachers**

(Germ. Rep., p. 37.)

Entrance requirements were fixed at the completion of high school grade. Applicants deficient in some branches are to take a preparatory class in charge of an experienced school teacher. The proposal to institute correspondence courses was rejected. The Synod resolved to arrange summer courses.

**Resolutions to Raise the Standard of Our Colleges**

(Germ. Rep., p. 36.)

Entrance requirements for our colleges were fixed at high school grade. However, provision shall be made for applicants deficient in some branches by arranging, if necessary, at the respective colleges a preparatory class in charge of an experienced school teacher.

The course at our colleges shall be arranged in a four-year Classical High School Course and a two-year Classical College Course. A detailed curriculum was ordered prepared by a committee composed of members of the faculties of the colleges, of the Synod faculty, and of representatives of the Survey Committee. In determining the curriculum, this committee shall take into consideration the accreditation demands of the various States where the colleges are located.

Synod also appropriated the necessary laboratories, stores, and other helps for teaching.

The matter and manner of instruction shall be as uniform as possible, the curriculum rigidly carried out, and harmonious action of professors insisted upon. More reading is to be required in the ancient languages, and more written and oral work in Latin and English. Students who have not satisfactorily completed the Sophomore College Class (Prima) must either repeat the class or obtain the necessary credits before matriculating at the Seminary.

**Additional Courses at Our Colleges.**

(Germ. Rep., pp. 39. 40.)

A memorial of the Lutheran Education Society, composed of members of our congregations in the East, petitioned Synod for provision at our colleges for the education also of such young men as are not preparing for service in the Church. The following arguments were advanced in the memorial: The increasing demand for higher education in our circles; the consequent attendance of a large part of our youth at State and sectarian institutions, in the absence of such institution in our circles; the loss of hundreds of our most promising young people who thus have made shipwreck of their faith; the duty of the Church to guard the young against

ing the period of primary education, but also in the "young age"; the Church's duty to educate the young to be intelligent citizens and well-instructed members of the Church, to serve the kingdom of God intelligently and circumstantially; the fact that this can most economically be done by adding courses and the necessary teachers to our existing higher education; the fact that in this way the entire higher education in our country will remain under the supervision of the Church, the fact that those desiring a higher education under Christian influences are willing to pay for this privilege; the fact that the Church, as well as other denominations is able to assume this duty as its chief duty of educating servants of the Word.

The memorial earnestly petitioned Synod to approve the extension of the curriculum of those institutions where such changes could be made with the consent of the local boards, and at its discretion to make the necessary provision that some, if not all, preparatory schools be expanded to full colleges according to the American plan of education, as far as this can be done in accordance with our principles, so that these can then be accredited as full colleges and other institutions as full colleges.

#### ACTION.

Resolved for the present to permit the institutions at Fort Wayne to arrange a Scientific and a Modern course besides the Accredited Four-year Classical High School.

#### Survey Committee.

Resolved that the Survey Committee be continued for another three years.

#### National Lutheran Education Association.

Resolved to indorse the movement of the National Lutheran Education Association and to aid the enterprise with such counsel as will further the work along the lines of high and true Lutheranism.

The following resolution was passed:—

Resolved, That the National Lutheran Education Association, with its aims, evidently meets an urgent need of the Church to promote such parts of Christian education to which in the past given little attention, and will also in future give little attention; and

Resolved, That the confessional Lutheran constituency of this Association has the hope that the work planned will be carried out in accordance with Lutheran principles; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Synod recognize the laudable aim of the Association, support its work with good counsel, and appoint a committee to which said Association shall turn for advice.

*Be it further resolved*, That this committee be appointed by the Chair.

The President of the Association, Mr. B. P. Holst, was given five minutes to address Synod on the objects of this

## II. Resolutions Pertaining to Individual and Church Institutions.

Concordia Theological Seminary at St. Louis, Mo.  
(Germ. Rep., pp. 41—48.)

With gratitude to God the Board reported a great increase in the number of students. During the past three years, 265 students entered the ministry. Attendance, 1917—18: Enrolled, 346; present, 281; serving as vicars, 57; otherwise absent, 7. 1918—19: Enrolled, 378; present, 298; serving as vicars, 68; otherwise absent, 12. 1919—20: Enrolled, 383; present, 293; serving as vicars, 70; otherwise absent, 14.

In general, good health prevailed. Owing to the influenza the institution was closed from December 1, 1918, to the close of the Christmas holidays. Two deaths occurred in the body, one of which was due to influenza, the other, to pneumonia.

The resolutions of the preceding convention did not seem feasible, and were therefore not carried out. The Board recommended the re-division of some classes, more professors, the appointment of a new pastor, and, owing to the hopelessly inadequate facilities, the removal of the Seminary to a new site in or near St. Louis.

In addition to this the Survey Committee recommended the institution of an elective year, employment of a librarian, introduction of correspondence courses, instruction in practical methods of study, lateral reading, the introduction of printed manuals in the study of the Bible, encouragement to do independent work, and the prohibition of secular employment.

The English District recommended that a parallel English course be instituted, and that a course of lectures on practical ministry for pastors in the active ministry be inaugurated.

### ACTION.

*Relocation.* — Synod resolved to relocate the Seminary. It appropriated the sum of one million dollars for the erection of an administration building, a dormitory for 400 students, and twelve professors' residences. The Chicago branch of the Synod to locate the Seminary in or near Chicago, promising support. The St. Louis congregations offered \$75,000.

While appreciating the generosity of the Chicago brethren, and by an almost unanimous vote, to leave the Seminary. The offer of the St. Louis congregations was accepted. Should this amount, however, prove insufficient for an the Board of Directors was empowered to act in the synod. The following resolution was also passed: Re-power the Board of Directors to sell or otherwise dispose of seminary property in St. Louis.

*and Classes.* — An elective year for graduates was after the adverse recommendation of the Committee had Division of classes was ordered in Dogmatics, Ex-otics, and Catechetics. After rejecting the adverse on of the Committee, Synod voted to introduce a cor-ourse. Necessary instruction in missionary methods, otical hints for traveling missionaries, for conducting es and Sunday-schools, was ordered given in the regular toral theology and in a course of special lectures, some ed by pastors in the active ministry. More adequate ing under the supervision of the professors is to be the students, and printed manuals are to supplant dictation. The recommendation that students be dili-to do original work was tabled. Adequate provision ade for those students who cannot follow the German -profit. The credit system is to be extended to the

*ed Faculty.* — Four additional professorships were member of the enlarged faculty is to serve as Dean. shall be to attend to the registration of the students, during their stay at the Seminary, carry on the cor- concerning supply students (vicars), manage the In-ts' Fund, etc., as outlined in a set of resolutions drawn ted by the faculty. Owing to the congested condition Synod declined to authorize the appointment of a

*Life.* — During the lecture seasons, students are to be an engaging in secular occupations. Really poor stu- supported. Synod by resolution expressed the desire necessary, the students of St. Louis assist in churches

#### THE ALLEY SEPARATING CROSS CHURCH PROPERTY FROM SYNOD'S PROPERTY AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

olved to make the alley separating Synod's property Holy Cross Church, St. Louis, a public alley and to land required by the city ordinances in the expec- congregation in question which is benefited thereby est arising therefrom.

### Concordia Theological Seminary at Springfield

During the past three years the work at the seminary was conducted without much interruption due to illness. A vacancy was taken place in the faculty. In the fall of 1917, Prof. O. C. Hansen reentered the pastorate. His place was filled by Pastor J. H. Hansen of Summit, Ill. The question of assistant teachers was a troublesome one. Candidate W. Hansen, who served 1916-17, left the ministry. During the fall of 1917, students supplied from March to December, 1918, Prof. E. C. Wegehaupt, who came from Brazil, served. In order to enable graduates to take the teachers' examination, Educational Psychology and History were added to the Seminary Course, and Algebra, Geometry, and Chemistry to the Proseminary Course. The seminary situated two assistant professors, Candidate W. Rehr, of St. Louis, and Student P. Scaer, of St. Louis. Faculty and Board elected a sixth regular professorship.

Attendance was as follows: 1917-18: Enrolled, 190; students preparing for foreign-tongue service in this or sister synods), absent as vicars, 39; graduated, 28. 1918-19: Enrolled 181 (32 special), absent as vicars, 25; graduated, 34. Enrolled 161 (29 special), absent as vicars, 30; graduated, 30.

The Commons or Service Building was completed at a cost of \$24,054.39. For this building the Central Illinois District contributed \$23,475.13 and the Southern Illinois District \$5,296.15. The building was placed in the Synodical Building Fund. In 1919, a new Hospital was erected at a cost of \$5,383. An appropriation was requested for repairs and necessary improvements.

### ACTION.

Synod resolved for the present to continue this institution in its present form. Entrance requirements were fixed at the eighth grade. One year was added to the course and an additional professor allowed. In future this institution to have no preparatory class. The unprinted memorial of this institution be changed into a theoretical seminary. \$5,650 was appropriated for repairs and necessary improvements.

### Concordia Teachers' College at River Forest

(Germ. Rep., pp. 48-51.)

The Board reported an uninterrupted period of work during the past triennium. One death occurred among the faculty, Prof. Backhaus, who resigned in 1915, passed to his home in California on March 11, 1919. Interment took place on March 20.

ance was as follows. 1917—18: Enrolled, 184; graduated, 1918—19: Enrolled, 189; graduated, 21. 1919—20: Enrolled, 189; graduated, 32. 57 applications for supply students were received. Of these 21 were granted.

Communication with the State institutions was requested and without the necessity of any alteration in the course of study. The building has been kept in good repair. During the time of the war, when only soft coal was available, a smoke consumer was installed. Lake Michigan water is now piped into the institution, eliminating boiler trouble.

The Board asked authority to arrange a preparatory class, to employ an additional teacher, to purchase two new pianos, and to be authorized the means of securing a new gymnasium. An unprinted memorial requests the installation of a laboratory at a cost of \$5,000.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING RIVER FOREST.

The Synod resolved to authorize the calling of an experienced teacher to conduct a preparatory class, which is to be arranged for those who have completed the eighth grade. The petition for additional pianos was considered as self-evident and not requiring special resolutions. The installation of a laboratory was authorized and \$5,000 appropriated for this purpose. The Board of Control in conjunction with the Synod was authorized to take steps to secure a gymnasium by private subscriptions. An unprinted memorial which proposes that the training school at River Forest be extended from the eighth to the twelfth grades to include eight grades was referred to the faculty for consideration.

#### Concordia Teachers' Seminary at Seward, Nebr.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 51—54.)

For the past three years a siege of illness repeatedly prevailed among the students, the professors, and the kitchen help at this institution. Two deaths occurred in the student-body.

The renovation of the sick-rooms which Synod authorized in 1917 was carried out and proved its merits during the influenza epidemic. The institution was accredited by the State, and is now authorized to confer certificates which the State recognizes. This is beneficial also to former graduates of this Seminary. In the past year five girls attended the institution. It is their intention to serve as teachers in parochial schools.

Girls were in attendance during each of the three years. 1918, 12; 1919, 16; 1920, 26.

The Board requested Synod to appropriate money for a laboratory required of accredited schools, for two pianos, a pipe organ,

and a new dormitory for 200 students, also for changing the heating plant into a straight steam system, and for installing heat in three professors' residences.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE TEACHERS' SEMINARY AT SEWARD

Resolved to appropriate \$5,000 for the necessary laboratory aids for instruction; \$1,000 for two pianos; \$3,500 for a pipe and \$100,000 for the erection of the first unit (dormitory for 200 students) with the understanding that the Nebraska District will pay the disposal of Synod without cost the vacant tract of some one-half acres adjoining our property. It was also resolved that Synod instruct its Board of Trustees of the Seward Seminary to take the necessary steps to have College Ave. vacated for needed repairs and for the change of the heating-plant to be defrayed from the appropriated \$100,000.

The Board was authorized to call an experienced teacher for the preparatory class, if necessary.

#### Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Ind.

(Germ. Rep., p. 55.)

Two severe losses were reported. Prof. L. Dorn fell asleep Lord April 4, 1918, at the age of 54, after serving the institution for 18 years. Prof. J. Schmidt was compelled to resign on account of old age. The vacancies were filled by calling Profs. W. Burkhart and J. Kunstmann. The following served as assistant professors: Candidate W. Dorn, 1917-19; Pastor Ernst Hassold, 1918-19; present Pastor W. A. Hansen and Candidate George Schmidt serving the institution. The average attendance was 220.

Board and faculty urgently request Synod for permission to arrange the course of instruction for a four-year Classical School Course and a two-year College Course that the institution may be accredited with the State institutions; to offer instruction adapted to those who are not contemplating the study of Latin; to authorize three additional professorships and the erection of two smaller professors' residences. They reported that friends of the institution had erected a cement wall and a magnificent entrance on the north side of the property.

#### ACTION.

Synod granted the request for three additional professorships. Committee's recommendation, that Prof. Schnedler fill one of the positions, was referred to the College of Electors. The request for two smaller professors' residences was granted. A vote of thanks was extended to the generous friends who had erected the new entrance.



**Concordia College at Milwaukee, Wis.**

(Germ. Rep., p. 56.)

Board reported the following attendance: 1917—18, 183; 1918—19, 154; 1919—20, 166. One death occurred in the student body. The Local Board lost, through death, Mr. H. August Luedke, who served Synod for eighteen years. The Board filled his place with Mr. Franz Damkoehler.

During the past three years the institution was equipped with a central heating-plant. The money for this purpose was collected by the students from their respective homes. The Board requested a central heating-

**ACTION.**

A request of the Local Board for a central heating-plant was granted and \$10,500 appropriated for this purpose. The appropriation was made from the customary two-thirds rule.

**Concordia College at St. Paul, Minn.**

(Germ. Rep., pp. 57—60.)

In 1918, the new administration building was dedicated. The cost was \$103,164.47. \$70,000 of this sum was raised by our members in the Northwest, especially in Minnesota and Iowa. The following was as follows: 1917—18, 138; 1918—19, 153; 1919 to

present, general, good health prevailed. The influenza epidemic made special attention necessary. Four deaths took place in the student body. Mr. Buenger and Prof. Lussky suffered protracted illness. The year was meanwhile carried on by Prof. Moenkemoeller, Pastor of St. Paul, Teacher O. Frey, Prof. W. Arndt, of Concordia, Mo., and Prof. Sprengeler. Student W. Luke also served as assistant in 1919—20. In the spring of 1919, Prof. P. E. Kretzschmar, D. D., resigned. Assistants conducted his classes. Prof. O. F. of Luther Institute, Chicago, has been called to this chair and will enter upon his duties in the fall of 1920.

Our Norwegian brethren, who had not entered into the Synodical Merger, requested permission to educate scholars from their country at this institution. The following agreement was

1. Norwegians shall maintain their own professor to whose care the scholars from their circles are to be entrusted. 2. This professor shall be recognized as a member of the faculty. 3. Scholars from the Synod shall enjoy the same privileges accorded those from the Synod. 4. Our Synod will render them any needed assistance during this professorship.

Upon the Norwegians called Prof. Sigurd Ylvisaker, Ph. D.,

of Decorah, Iowa. He entered upon his duties in September. 12 scholars from Norwegian circles entered the institution.

The Board requested that all the professors' residences be equipped with electric light, that hard-wood floors be installed in the bedrooms in the professors' houses, that the property in 1917 be fitted for an athletic field, that the present heating system be changed into a central heating-system, and that a new residence be erected.

#### ACTION.

Resolved to equip the professors' residences with electric light, but to table the request for the installation of hard-wood floors. \$3,000 was appropriated for grading the newly acquired athletic field. Permission was also granted to change the present heating system into a central plant, the Board of Directors to fix the cost of this shall be carried out. The arrangement with the Lutheran Synod was approved and ordered incorporated in the minutes. It was reported that the request for a professor's residence had been withdrawn with the understanding that in case of necessity a dwelling could be authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### St. Paul's College at Concordia, Mo.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 60-63.)

This institution was twice closed owing to epidemics of typhoid fever, mumps, and influenza. Three deaths occurred in the body. Attendance: 135, 26 graduates in 1917-18; 120, 16 graduates in 1918-19; 113, 12 graduates in 1919-20. The decrease was attributed to war conditions, the boys being needed on the farms. A. Haentzschel entered upon his duties in September, 1918. The vacancies in the Board were filled by the election of Messrs. Julius Haentzschel and J. Weissbrodt.

The Administration Building was reported to be in a poor condition. Owing to the nature of the soil, the foundation was not strong enough under ordinary conditions, cannot bear the weight of the building. This resulted in serious settlements, making repairs necessary. For this purpose and for other needs the Board requested Synod to appropriate \$20,000. However, the Synod was on foot to remove this institution to a better location. The Survey Committee recommended that no new building be erected at Concordia, Mo. In view of these facts the Board requested Synod to pass no resolutions either to remove or to continue the institution, but to resolve to retain the institution at Concordia for three more years. Members of the faculty of the Synod dissented from this request, since they were convinced that it would tend to reduce the attendance as the future of the institution thereby left in doubt. Owing to the nature of the soil,

ties, and of fire protection, the Committee recommended request of the Local Board be not granted, that the institution, however, be continued, the buildings repaired at the same cost, and the institution continued at its present location. A better site can be provided.

#### ACTION.

Resolved not to grant the request of the Local Board. Institution as such is to be continued. The most necessary repairs to be made and the institution continued in Concordia. A better location can be found. The chair was ordered to form a committee consisting of one pastor, three laymen, and to look about for a more favorable location with respect to transportation, railroad service, and site. Upon finding such a location, it will be secured and building begun. This committee is also to solicit contributions from the territory controlled by the institution to cover as far as possible the cost of removal. The cost shall be paid by Synod's treasurer on order of the Board of Directors. The recommendation of the Survey Committee that the institution consider the advisability of uniting St. Paul's College with the institution at Seward, Nebr., and locating them at one place, for example, Lincoln, Nebr., was tabled. Synod also resolved to request the Board of Directors to sell or otherwise dispose of the property in Concordia, Mo.

#### Concordia Institute at Bronxville, N. Y.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 64—66.)

Th. Hausmann was elected to fill the seventh professorship. H. Rippe is acting as assistant professor. Ex-Director H. Rippe accepted the chair of Greek, Prof. G. A. Romoser is now in charge. The High School Course has been accredited by the State Regents. Attendance: 104, 103, and 134 for 1917, 1918, and 1919, respectively.

In the past three years Bronxville has levied taxes on the residences. Legally not only these residences, but the property is taxable, since Synod is in New York a foreign corporation.

The Board recommended incorporation of the institution in New York, and reported that preliminary steps had already been taken. The matter now rests with Synod. According to the latest report, this involved either incorporation of Synod in New York or signing the institution over to the Atlantic District Synod in trust for Synod.

Due to the illness of Prof. Schwoy and the necessity of arranging for classes in some courses, the Board requested an additional professor and also a director's residence.

## RESOLUTIONS.

The calling of an additional professor was authorized, residence granted. The accumulated taxes of the past were ordered paid. With regard to the incorporation "Resolved, That Synod place the matter of incorporating Institute at Bronxville, N. Y., into the hands of the Board of Directors with power to act."

## St. John's College at Winfield, Kans.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 66—69.)

Attendance mounted from 145 (36 business students) to 180 (52 business students) in 1919. The dormitory of 108 students is filled to overflowing with its 135 occupants. Tuition was received in tuition. Donations for the mess fund were only to those preparing for the ministry. The endowment amounts to \$808.20, the Indigent Students' Endowment Fund. The institution was twice closed owing to influenza. Other troubles also caused no little trouble. One of the young lady students succumbed to an attack of influenza.

The Business Department is self-supporting. An annual salary of \$100 is paid to the Treasurer of Synod for the use of a college. \$2,400 tuition was received. The principal of the Business Department receives a salary of \$1,300. Children of pastors and pupils are offered the privilege of paying one-half of their tuition. Pupils being asked to sign a note for the remainder, payable in three years.

Owing to the increasing number of students it became necessary to call a seventh professor who will enter upon his duties in September. The rise in rent and taxes compelled the Board to increase the allowances for rent from \$25 to \$30 for the six professorial residences. The cost of a director's residence will exceed that authorized in 1917 by \$4,000. Building was begun in January. At the same time the Board of Supervisors was compelled to erecting a professor's residence.

The Board requested three additional professors' residences, a college hospital, and reported the presentation of a block of real estate valued at \$18,000 and a gymnasium, present valuation \$10,000.

## RESOLUTIONS.

The erection of a professor's residence was sanctioned. Three additional professors' residences authorized. The request for a hospital was tabled. A vote of thanks was given the members of the Kansas and Texas Districts who presented the site and a building. The Secretary was ordered to transmit the especial thanks to Mr. H. Struebing for his unselfish services in supervising the building.

**Concordia College at Conover, N. C.**

(Germ. Rep., pp. 69—71.)

1917—18 Profs. A. Haentzschel and H. B. Hemmeter  
other calls. The term was finished with two professors,  
W. Hunsucker assisting. Rev. O. W. Kreinheder accepted  
the presidency in August, 1918. During this term, Student  
ndt assisted, and in June, 1919, Candidate C. F. Fredericks  
the call as assistant professor. The institution was thrice  
ing to the prevalence of influenza. Enrolment: 56, 62, 58  
and 29 girls) for 1917, 1918, and 1919, respectively. 10 boys  
ing for the ministry. Others may yet decide to study

19, a Lutheran Education Society of the Southeast was  
which has provided considerable money for repairs and  
penses. Recently they acquired a site of 1½ acres and are  
a combined Mess Hall and Ladies' Dormitory at a cost  
\$6,000. Friends have also made possible the purchase of  
the library and laboratory. The Board requested another  
residence and added provision for library and laboratory.

**ACTION.**

and granted the request for a professor's residence and ex-  
ote of thanks to the laymen who presented site and building.

**Concordia Collegiate Institute at Portland, Oreg.**

Institution is the property of the Oregon and Washington  
It has a four-year course. Synod maintains two professors.  
17, but one new pupil entered the institution. In the  
years, however, 6 to 9. The total will therefore shortly  
normal.

Lutheran Education Society has been organized in the District.  
aim is to gain more students for the ministry.

appropriations were requested. No action was taken.

**Concordia College at Oakland, Cal.**

(Germ. Rep., pp. 72. 73.)

eral, good health prevailed. The institution was closed  
weeks owing to influenza. The Lutheran Education Society  
ia is at present providing a well and pump at a cost of  
0. In 1917, the faculty was increased by the addition of  
l. Eifert. Prof. Brohm, Sr., and Pastor J. H. Theiss are  
ing in instruction. June, 1919, the first class to complete  
years' course was graduated. The extension of the course  
the accreditation of the institution as entitled to tax-  
The Board requested Synod to vote \$200 annually as

a gratuity to Teacher Roecker for instruction in singing. To increase the allowance for rent of professors' residences to \$40 per month.

**ACTION.**

Both requests were referred to the Board of Directors for adjustment.

**Concordia Seminary at Porto Alegre, Brazil, S. A.**

The faculty is composed of two professors and two teachers. 23 pupils are in attendance. Disbursements for salaries and rent: 1917, \$4,145; 1918, \$4,566.47; 1919, \$3,106.

The institution is of the greatest importance for the work in South America, which absolutely requires a native pastor owing to the increasing difficulty of finding men who are willing to enter that field, and to the great cost of sending them from Europe. The fact that such missionaries are handicapped by the fact of being foreigners. Should the doctrinal discussion which the District is now carrying on with the Ev. Luth. Synod of the States of Catharina, Parana, and Other States lead to agreement in doctrine and union, our work will be much extended and a thorough education will be even more necessary.

The Brazil District presented a memorial requesting recognition of their seminary as a synodical institution, and appropriation to remove the seminary to a more favorable location of professors' residences, and the appointment of a native Portuguese professor.

Since this memorial was sent, the local authorities have, on their own initiative, a property with a suitable building for

**ACTION.**

Synod resolved to recognize this institution as a synodical institution. The purchase of a site and building to be converted into a seminary was sanctioned. \$35,000 was appropriated for the purchase; \$12,000 for the erection of three professors' dwellings for additional buildings. Included in these appropriations is \$8,000 which the brethren of Brazil promised to raise, and realized from the sale of the old seminary. The appropriation of \$35,000 for the purchase is to be exempted from the customary thirds rule. The appointment of a native teacher to give instruction in the Portuguese language was authorized.

### III. New Institutions.

#### Institution in Western Canada.

A memorial of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan District, assembled together with lay delegates for the purpose of presenting as a separate district presented to Synod the great need

ry for Western Canada, and, in view of the tremendous nearest institution at St. Paul is 1,000 miles distant), and of erecting a higher institution in Western Canada. Memorial was presented by the Pastors' and Laymen's Alberta and British Columbia.

#### ACTION.

to erect a preparatory institution in Western Canada. to be made with the lowest class in September, 1921. and the necessary buildings are to be erected as Board of Directors was empowered to decide on the institution and the arrangement of new classes. The was appropriated for this purpose in addition to the by the brethren in Canada.

#### Ladies' Seminary.

(Germ. Rep., p. 80.)

ay Committee recommended the erection of a ladies' to give young ladies opportunity to secure a higher synodical institution as well as to train them up for schools and assistants in our heathen missions. solved to refer this matter to a special committee consisting of pastors, teachers, and laymen for detailed study and careful with orders to report at the next convention.

#### Home for Students. (Studienheim.)

(Germ. Rep., p. 81.)

al presented to Synod the generous offer of some lay- a home for students in or near New York where and regular professors, as well as graduates of St. Louis, for a shorter or longer period, while pursuing special to qualify themselves for the service of the Church. St. Louis, however, must render an account of their progress to the faculty at St. Louis. This plan was entered the Survey Committee.

ot to be understood, however, as if the proposed home remain at the proposed location. Nothing prevents other society from making a similar arrangement elsewhere does this mean that a pastor may not be called the ministry.

olved to permit the New York brethren to make a trial

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## CONSTITUTIONAL MATTER

At the convention in 1917, Synod adopted a new Constitution. The President presented same to the congregations by means of the official organs, and later on published notice (*Lutheraner*, July 1918, p. 263):—

"The vote on the new Constitution was as follows: 17 congregations voted in favor of adoption, 9 against; 17 congregations voted in favor of adoption, but expressed desire to changing one or another paragraph. 15 congregations voted against amendments. The majority of congregations refrained from voting."

"Although the Constitution is thus adopted by the congregations, certain difficulties stand in the way of its going into effect. The next Delegate Synod. With the consent of the Delegates, the name of our Synod has been changed and the new Constitution is: 'Die Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Missouri, Ohio und andern Staaten — Evangelical Lutheran Church of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.'"

"The vote on reducing the number of delegates to the next Synod shows that 519 congregations voted in favor of it and 8 congregations voted against it. The next Delegate Synod will be constituted accordingly."

F. FROST

The President announced that the aforementioned Constitution had been removed, and that the new Constitution was adopted (Minutes of Third Session, June 17.)

Following is the official English version of the new Constitution and of the By-laws adopted at this convention, proposed by a committee appointed by the Chair.

### New Synodical Constitution

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MISSOURI  
AND OTHER STATES.

#### Reasons for the Organization of a Synod

1. The example of the Apostolic Church (Acts 15, 1-29).
2. Our Lord's will that the diversities of gifts should be for the common profit (1 Cor. 12, 4-31).

#### Article I. — Name.

The name of the body organized under this Constitution shall be: EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MISSOURI, OHIO, AND OTHER STATES.



## Article II. — Doctrinal Basis.

Synod, and every member of the Synod, accepts without

Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of

the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and correct statement and exposition of the Word of God, the three Ecumenical Creeds (the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Athanasian Creed), the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Catechism of Luther, the Small Catechism of Luther, and the Concord.

## Article III. — Object.

Objects of the Synod are: —

conservation and continuance of the unity of the true Church (1 Cor. 1, 10), and a united effort to resist every schism and sectarianism (Rom. 16, 17);

extension of the kingdom of God;

training of ministers and teachers for service in the Lutheran Church;

publication and distribution of Bibles, church-books, religious periodicals, and other books and papers;

endeavor to bring about the largest possible uniformity of practise, church-customs, and, in general, in congregational life;

furtherance of Christian parochial schools, and of a thorough biblical instruction preparatory to admission to the Sacraments;

supervision of the ministers and the teachers of the Church with regard to the performance of their official duties;

protection of pastors, teachers, and congregations in the performance of their duties, and the maintenance of their rights.

## Article IV. — Powers.

Synod shall have legal powers: —

to purchase, hold, administer, and sell property of every description in the interests of Synod;

to accept, hold, administer, and, if deemed advisable, dispose of donations, commercial papers, and legal documents of every kind in the interest of its work, as aforesaid.

## Article V. — Membership.

Membership in the Synod is held and may be acquired by confessing ministers of the Gospel, and teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, who accept the doctrinal basis of Art. II.

### A. Voting Members.

Organized congregations that have joined the Synod hold membership. At the meetings of the various Districts of the Synod, every congregation or parish is entitled to two votes, one of which shall be cast by the clerical and the other by the lay delegate. The members of the Synod proper and groups of congregations shall be represented by two delegates, one clerical and one lay delegate, each entitled to one vote.

**B. Advisory Members.**

Advisory members are: —

1. Pastors whose congregations do not hold membership;
2. Assistant pastors;
3. Ministers of the Gospel not in charge of congregations;
4. Professors at Synod's educational institutions;
5. Teachers of Synod's parochial schools;
6. Candidates for the office of the ministry or for that of a teacher in the parochial schools.

**Article VI. — Conditions of Membership.**

Requisites necessary to acquire and hold membership are as follows: —

1. Acceptance of the doctrinal basis of Art. II.
2. Renunciation of unionism and syncretism of every kind, such as,
  - a. Serving congregations of mixed confession, as such, ministers of the Church;
  - b. Taking part in the services and sacramental rites of heterodox congregations or of congregations of mixed confession;
  - c. Joining the heterodox in missionary efforts or in publishing and distribution of literature.
3. Regular call of pastors and teachers, and regular lay delegates by the congregations, as also the blameless life of such.
4. Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymn-books, catechisms in church and school.
5. No congregation shall be admitted to membership if Synod has convinced itself that its constitution, which must be submitted, contains nothing which is contrary to the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.
6. Pastors, teachers, candidates for the office of the ministry or that of a teacher in a parochial school, not coming from orthodox church-bodies, must, before they can be received into membership of Synod, submit to a colloquy.
7. Congregations, pastors, teachers, or candidates for the office of the ministry or that of a teacher in a parochial school, may be received into membership at the meetings of the Synod; but they may also be received at the meetings of the Synod.

**Article VII. — Relation of Synod to Its Members.**

In its relation to its members Synod is not a governing body exercising legislative or coercive powers. In all matters it respects the Christian congregation's right of self-government, but it is an advisory body. Accordingly, no congregation shall be received into membership by any resolution of the Synod that imposes something either contrary to the Word of God, or which to any one appears unsuited to its condition.

**Article VIII. — Synodical Meetings.****A. Time and Validity of Meetings.**

1. The Synod convenes every three years for a regular meeting.
2. The Synod shall be duly qualified to transact business if a meeting has been constitutionally convened and at least two-thirds of the constitutionally elected representatives who are eligible to vote are present.

### B. *Special Sessions of Synod.*

Synod may, under circumstances, decide to call a special two-thirds of the duly qualified voters present so decide. In case of urgent necessity a special session may be called with the consent of two-thirds of the District Presidents; provided, however, that all congregations and members of the Synod shall, thirty days prior to such special session, be notified as to its purpose.

### C. *Validity of Resolutions.*

Matters of doctrine and of conscience shall be decided only by the will of God. All other matters shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie vote the President may cast the deciding vote.

## Article IX. — Representation.

Synodical meetings are composed of regularly elected and appointed representatives and of certain individual persons, as specified in the By-laws, to wit: —

Representatives of congregations entitled to vote;  
Advisory representatives of the advisory members of Synod;  
Representatives of boards, commissions, and educational institutions, and all others whose official duties require their presence at Synod.

## Article X. — Officers.

Officers of Synod are: —

### A.

President;  
Vice-Presidents, as prescribed by the By-laws;  
Secretary;  
Treasurer;  
Board of Directors;  
Other officers, as specified in the By-laws.

### B.

The President, the Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary must be members of the Gospel. The foregoing, as also the Treasurer and members of the Board of Directors, must be members of congregations.

The term of service of all the officers of the Synod shall expire at the regular session of the Synod until the next, or until they shall have been elected and have entered upon their duties.

No officer or any member of any board or commission shall be an officer of the Synod, or a member of any board or commission of the Synod, as soon as he ceases to be a member of a congregation which is affiliated with the Synod.

## Article XI. — Rights and Duties of Officers.

### A. *In General.*

Officers of the Synod have such rights only as have been conferred by the Synod, and are responsible to the Synod for the exercise of their official duties.

The Synod shall at all times have the right to call its officers and, if necessary, to dismiss them in accordance with the By-laws.

The Synod reserves the right to abolish any established office. Resolutions of the Synod and of the various Districts shall be subject, in extraordinary cases, to elect a chairman other than the regular presiding officer.

*B. Of the President.*

1. The President shall exercise due supervision in doctrine and the administration of
  - a. All officers of the Synod;
  - b. All others holding official positions in the Synod;
  - c. The various Districts of the Synod;
  - d. All the District Presidents.
2. The President shall see to it that all those referred to shall comply with the Synod's Constitution; and such as do not; and shall report to the Synod such admonition, fail to do so.
3. The President has, and always shall have, the right to advise, admonish, and reprove; he shall by all means at his command conscientiously seek to promote and maintain of doctrine and practise among the various Districts of the Synod.
4. The President shall see to it that the resolutions of the Synod are carried out.
5. At the sessions of the Synod the President shall
  - a. Conduct the meetings, and shall see to it that they be done in a Christian way and in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod;
  - b. Give an accurate report of his administration.
6. The President shall sign the official papers and documents of the Synod.
7. The President shall attend the meetings of the Districts of the Synod and assist them by his advice in their work; he shall report on the work of the various Districts at the next regular session of the Synod.
8. The President shall perform all additional duties which the Synod may enjoin upon him through its By-laws or by special resolution.
9. When pressing business matters that permit of no delay turn up between conventions of Synod, the President shall be authorized to submit the same for a vote to the congregations of the official synodical organs. In such cases at least one-third of the synodical congregations must register their vote.

*C. Of the Vice-Presidents.*

1. The Vice-Presidents shall, whenever requested to do so by the President, act in his stead.
2. In case of the disability, the deposition, or the death of the President, the Vice-Presidents shall, in the order of their names, take the President's place, and, until the expiration of their regular term, exercise all the rights and the duties of the President.

*D. Of the Secretary.*

The Secretary shall

1. Keep a record of the proceedings of the synodical organs.
2. Draw up and sign the official papers and documents of the Synod;
3. Perform such other work as the Synod may enjoin upon him through its By-laws or by special resolution.

*E. Of the Treasurer.*

The Treasurer is the custodian of all moneys and papers of the Synod, and shall

1. Keep a record of all moneys received and expended by the Synod;
2. Administer the Synod's financial affairs as directed by the Synod;
3. At any time submit for examination his books and accounts to an auditing committee appointed by the Synod or by the District.

### F. Of the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors shall consist of not less than seven, wit: the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, one three laymen.

Board of Directors is the legal representative of the the custodian of all property of the Synod, and shall be with the general management and supervision of all of the business.

### Article XII. — Districts of Synod. Regulations.

Synod shall be divided into Districts. Their geographical shall be determined by the Synod, which may alter them at any time.

Constitution shall also be the constitution of each District Synod; however, each District may adopt such by-laws and resolutions as its own particular interests require, provided such by-laws and resolutions do not conflict with the Constitution and the By-laws of the Synod.

Officers of the Districts shall be: —

A District President;

District Vice-Presidents, as the By-laws prescribe;

As many Visitors as the various Districts may determine upon;

A District Secretary;

A District Treasurer.

Additional officers, boards, and commissions may be elected in the various Districts, as the particular business of the Districts may require.

Election of the District officers shall always take place at the regular session of the Synod.

Officers of the Districts shall have the same rights and duties as are outlined in this Constitution for the officers of the Synod, however, in so far as these apply to the District and its members within its boundaries.

District Presidents shall, moreover, especially exercise supervision over the doctrine, life, and administration of office in the various Districts and teachers of their District. They shall also acquaint themselves with the prevailing religious conditions of the congregation in their District, and shall, to this end, have the right and authority, being assisted in this work by the visitors, who shall make their reports to them.

District Presidents are empowered, in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod, to suspend from membership, until the next meeting of the Synod, pastors, be they voting or merely members of the Synod, as also professors and teachers, who adhere to false doctrine, or who have given public offense to the Synod. The District Presidents may also publish such notices as may be necessary.

Further, the District Presidents shall

See to it that all resolutions of the Synod which concern their District shall be made known to the members of the District, and are carried out by them;

Submit an annual report of their administration to the President of the Synod, and at all times give him any required information as to their administration as District Presidents;

By a person or by proxy ordain and induct into office all ministerial candidates, and install all candidates for the parochial schools assigned to their Districts, and install pastors and teachers who have accepted a call to congregations in their District;

d. Sign all examination papers and certificates of graduation, also all official papers and documents of the District.

10. The District synodical meetings are composed of

*A. Representatives Entitled to Vote.*

The pastors of such congregations as hold voting membership in Synod, and the lay delegates elected by these congregations, be entitled to vote.

*B. Advisory Members.*

Advisory members are: —

1. Pastors whose congregations do not hold voting membership in Synod;
2. Assistant pastors;
3. Ministers of the Gospel without a charge;
4. Professors at the Synod's educational institution;
5. Teachers of parochial schools;
6. Candidates for the office of the ministry or for the office of a teacher in a parochial school.

11. The Districts, if legally incorporated, shall have a Board of Directors, composed of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the District, which shall legally represent the District in the courts of the State. At the discretion of the District, other persons mentioned may be elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

12. The Districts shall have the privilege of regulating their own internal affairs, it being understood, however, that its actions shall serve the best interests of the Synod.

13. The regular sessions of the Districts shall be held annually, or at such other intervals as may be determined by the District, except when the Synod does not regularly convene. Only the District may make an exception to this rule.

14. A District Synod shall be duly qualified to transact business, if the meeting has been constitutionally convened and one-third of its voting membership is represented by one of its delegates (a pastor or a lay member).

15. In case of urgent necessity the District President is empowered to convene a special session of his District; and, however, that he previously, after having informed the members of the Synod and the voting membership of his District of the purpose of such special session, have the consent of at least a majority of the latter.

**Article XIII. — Expulsion from the Synod.**

1. Members who act contrary to the doctrinal basis of the Synod and the conditions of membership in Art. VI, or who, despite all admonitions, persist in leading an ungodly life, shall be expelled.

2. The District Synods, as a rule, expel such members. Nevertheless, any member expelled by a District shall be permitted to appeal to the Synod.

3. If an expelled pastor or teacher holds office in a congregation which is a member of the Synod, then such congregation, if not already done so, shall be held to depose him from office and deal with him in accordance with the Word of God, notwithstanding any appeal he may have made. If a congregation persists in refusing to do so, the District shall take such action as it deems proper, and if all negotiations and admonitions fail of their purpose, the congregation shall forfeit its right of membership in the Synod.

4. All those who are expelled from Synod do thereby, of course, lose all rights of membership and any property invested in the Synod. The latter also holds good in the case of a member who, for any reason, severs his connection with the Synod.

**Article XIV. — Amendments to the Constitution.**

Amendments may be made to this Constitution, provided that they be in no wise with the provisions laid down in Art. II and VI.

Amendments, to be considered by the Synod, must be prepared in writing. A separate vote must be taken on each amendment proposed. A motion to amend shall not carry unless at least two-thirds of the voting members present shall vote in favor of such amendment.

A motion to amend, duly voted upon and carried, shall be reported by the President and the Secretary of the Synod within three months after the close of the synodical convention in three of the official organs of the Synod, and thus be submitted to the members of the various congregations of the Synod.

After a majority of the congregations shall have registered their assent in writing with the Secretary of the Synod, the result of the vote shall be announced by the Secretary through the official organs of the Synod. Such amendment to the Constitution shall, upon the publication of the fact, immediately become effective.

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## By-Laws.

### Membership. (Const., § 5.)

Every member of the Synod should, in accordance with his ability, and the means at his command, diligently and faithfully and in the best manner possible seek to promote and carry out the purposes of the synodical organization.

Application for membership in the Synod may be made and received in the meeting of the Synod or of the District Synod. Members of the Synod must sign the Constitution of the Synod at the first convention of the respective District to which they attend. The first duly elected lay delegate of a new congregation shall sign the Constitution as the representative of his congregation. It shall be the duty of the District Secretary to see to it that the signatures to the Constitution are entered in a book provided for this purpose. The District Secretary shall add, opposite the signatures, the year in which a member leaves the Synod or is transferred to another District. The District Secretary shall notify the District Secretary of the other District to which a member has been transferred, so that the transfer may be made upon the records.

Since all advisory members of the Synod as such are obliged to attend the synodical conventions, these shall not be elected by a congregation or by any group of congregations as lay delegates to the synodical conventions, nor shall they be accredited as members of the Synod.

### Conditions of Membership. (Const., § 6.)

As much as a congregation which applies for membership in the Synod must, in accordance with the Constitution of the Synod, submit its own constitution for examination, such congregation shall, prior to the meeting of the Synod or of the respective District Synod, send its constitution to the District President, who shall refer it to a standing committee of the District, which committee shall examine the constitution in order that any necessary amendments may be discussed and made by the congregation before the next meeting of the Synod or the Synod convenes. A congregation shall not be eligible to hold membership in the Synod until such congregation

has made such changes as the Synod may have deemed and has so notified the District President.

2. When a congregation affiliated with the Synod amends its constitution or amends its old constitution, such congregation in the manner just prescribed, submit its new or amended constitution to the Synod for examination.

### Representation at the Synodical Conventions. (C)

#### A. With Reference to Voting Representatives.

1. Every five to ten congregations shall form an electoral circuit, which shall elect two delegates, one pastor and one lay member, each having one vote, represent the congregations of the circuit. Large congregations shall form small groups, and small congregations shall form large groups; but never fewer than five, nor more than ten, congregations shall form a group. A fractional portion remaining after the groups in a District have been formed, shall be added to the same representation as a complete group.

2. These two delegates shall, as a rule, be selected at the meeting of the District Synod preceding the convention of the Synod. The lay delegates and the pastors of the congregations holding membership in the Synod which have united and formed an electoral circuit for the purpose of representation at the synodical convention. Whenever the delegates elected in the manner just prescribed leave the electoral circuit or be prevented from attending the synodical meetings, then the electoral circuit shall be represented by other members of the circuit in the order in which their names are listed. In case the representatives of such a group authorize their congregations to elect the lay delegate for the group, then the lay delegate, in order to be accredited, must present to the District Secretary credentials signed by the pastor and two officers of the congregation authorized to elect him. Whenever the lay delegate of the group has been selected by his electoral group, then the registration of the name, as also that of the selected pastor, in the printed minutes of the District shall be sufficient evidence of election; if the minutes have not yet been printed, or if changes in the mean time come necessary, then the certification of election by the District Secretary shall entitle the delegate to due recognition by the Synod.

#### B. With Reference to Advisory Representatives.

Every fifteen advisory members of the clergy and one or more teachers of parochial schools shall unite and form an electoral circuit, each of which groups shall select one representative and one lay member to attend the synodical conventions. These selections shall, as a rule, be made at the meeting of the District preceding the convention of the Synod. Any fractional portion remaining after the groups in a District have been formed, shall be added to the same representation as a complete group. The name of the elected representative shall be entered in the printed minutes of the District or the minutes shall be signed by the District Secretary shall entitle the elected representative to due recognition by the Synod.

#### C. With Reference to Other Representatives.

1. The Vice-Presidents of the Synod and all District Secretaries shall *ex officio* attend the convention of the Synod.

2. The faculty of each of the Synod's educational institutions shall be represented at the conventions of the Synod by one or more members, whom the faculty shall select. The faculty of the Seminary at St. Louis shall be represented by its president and by as many members of its faculty as the faculty may deem proper to represent it, with the provision, however, that each



all attend the conventions of the Synod at least every  
boards and commissions of the Synod shall be represented  
tions of the Synod by at least one of its members, and  
necessary.

# Officers. (Const., § 10.)

## A.

Synod shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents,  
not a mere plurality, of votes being required for election.  
of votes received by each of the Vice-Presidents shall  
which one shall be the First, the Second, the Third, and  
Vice-President.

Synod shall also, in the same manner, elect a Secretary  
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## B.

transaction of its business the Synod shall also elect the  
boards and officers, whose term of office shall extend from  
convention of the Synod until the next, or until their  
have been elected and have qualified (the official name of  
and the officers shall indicate their duties, unless these  
specified by special rules and regulations): —

ard of Directors for each educational institution.

ard of Electors for each educational institution.

ard of Directors of Concordia Publishing House.

following Mission Boards: —

a. Home Mission Board for North America.

b. Home Mission Board for Foreign Countries.

c. Immigrant Mission Board.

d. Foreign-language Mission Board.

e. Deaf-mute Mission Board.

f. Indian Mission Board.

g. Jewish Mission Board.

h. Foreign Mission Board.

urch Extension Board.

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ard of Auditors.

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## C.

nod shall have five standing examining committees to ex-  
candidates for the ministry and for its parochial schools,  
e applicants for such offices.

# Rights and Duties of Officers. (Const., § 11.)

## A. Of the President.

### I.

munch as the President, in accordance with the Synod's  
e, shall exercise supervision over the doctrine taught in  
and over all the officials and the employees of the Synod,  
regular intervals officially visit all the educational insti-  
the Synod, and also receive reports from the District

2. Inasmuch as the President, in accordance with the Constitution, shall be present at the meetings of the Synod, he must often be represented by his Vice-Presidents, he shall, for the purpose of concerted counsel and action, meet with the Vice-Presidents of the Synod — as, upon the occasion of the meeting for the purpose of assigning calls to the graduates — to discuss matters which the Synod must present to its various District Synods.

3. Whenever important and difficult synodical and inter-synodical questions and problems arise, the President shall take counsel with his Vice-Presidents.

4. Inasmuch as the President, by virtue of his office, shall ever shall have, advisory power, he shall, upon request, give advice to such as are under his supervision. He shall have executive power only when the affairs of the Synod demand it, when he has been expressly invested with such power for such purpose. In every case, however, any member of the Synod shall have the right to appeal from his or any other decision of the President of the Synod.

5. The President shall, in the interval between synodical conventions, be empowered to appoint commissions whenever and for the purpose for which the Synod has been organized and conditions in the course of time may demand such action.

6. The President shall appoint auditing committees, who shall audit the books of the various commissions and boards from time to time, and which shall report such audit in writing to the Auditors elected by the Synod. The Synod shall elect the auditing committee which shall annually audit the books of the Trustees of the Synod and those of the Manager of Concordia Publishing House.

7. The President shall not be in charge of a pastoral charge, nor a chair at any educational institution, but he may be called to serve as assistant pastor; he shall serve the congregation which calls him as such only when he chooses to do so, and when such service does not interfere with his official duties as President of the Synod.

## II.

1. Prior to conventions of the Synod the President shall appoint the clergy of the Synod, appoint the convention preachers and designate their sermon topics.

2. The President shall appoint one of the Vice-Presidents to preach at the opening service of the Synod.

3. The convention shall organize at its first session on the basis of the report of the committee appointed to assist the Secretary for the purpose of examining and acknowledging the credentials of lay delegates and of establishing the presence of all the duly voting and advisory representatives. The convention being organized, the President shall make his synodical address, read his report (covering the time which elapsed since the last convention) and present the docket. All matters (such as the reports of the Board of Directors, reports of boards of educational institutions, and of commissions, memorials, overtures, and the like) shall, as a rule, be presented to the President in writing ten weeks prior to the convention. The President shall order the most important reports, memorials, and overtures to be printed, and a copy mailed, four weeks prior to the convention of the Synod to the pastor and to each elected lay delegate.

4. In order to expedite the transaction of business, the President shall refer matters which are to be presented to the Synod to the committees appointed by him from the accredited delegates and representatives present. After due discussion of the matters referred to them, these committees shall report their findings and recommendations to the Synod. If the President deems it

point such committees prior to the convention; he shall be empowered to convene any such committees prior to the meeting of the Synod. Every member of the Synod, however, shall have the right to protest against any appointment made to such committees. A proportionate number of lay delegates shall be appointed to the committees, especially on such to which money matters have been referred.

The President shall, at the first session, and also during the subsequent synodical sessions, submit an order of business for the sessions.

The President shall conduct the sessions of the Synod according to standard parliamentary rules, and he shall manage that the sessions of the Synod do not extend beyond a period of ten business days.

The President shall remind the Synod that all delegates and lay members elected to attend the synodical sessions shall regularly attend the sessions to the very close of the convention. All synodical members who arrive late or leave early, or who do not attend at all, must submit a written excuse.

Before adjournment the Synod shall decide upon the time and place of the next convention. If the Synod fails to do this, the President shall be empowered to do so; he may also, if necessary, appoint the time and place of meeting.

#### *D. Of the Secretary.*

The Secretary shall, after adjournment, in accordance with the order given by the Synod, have the synodical proceedings printed. The make-up of the manuscript shall be left to him, with the exception, however, that all resolutions must be recorded in the minutes in which they were accepted by the Synod. The President, as supervisor of the doctrine of Synod, read the manuscript, and shall, as Synod's representative, finally decide if and in what form a certain matter shall be printed.

If an absent member of the Synod has been elected to any office, the Secretary shall in writing notify him of his election.

The Secretary shall, immediately upon the close of the synodical session, officially report to the Board of Directors of Consolidating House as also to all boards and commissions of the Synod. All resolutions concerning them, in order that the execution of any resolution may not be deferred until the proceedings are printed.

The Secretary shall see to it that the time and the place of the meetings at the synodical convention be duly announced, either by the board or otherwise.

#### *E. Of the Treasurer.*

The Treasurer shall give to the Synod a bond, the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Synod shall pay the bond.

The Treasurer shall issue receipts for all moneys received. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys and valuable papers, in his own name, but in the name of the Synod. All deeds and important documents he shall place into a fire-proof safe.

The Treasurer shall be empowered, if necessary, to borrow money for synodical purposes, with the proviso, however, that for any borrowing exceeding the total sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) he must procure the consent of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall not expend more moneys for new buildings or for repairs than the Synod has allowed, unless empowered by the Board of Directors.

*F. Of the Board of Directors.*

1. The President and the Treasurer excepted, no person by the Synod shall be a member of the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall organize. The Board shall meet four times every year, and, in addition, as often as the members of the Board may convene it. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
3. Being the legal representatives of the Synod and owners of all of the Synod's property, the Board of Directors shall manage all of the Synod's chattels and estates, whatever they may be, and the Board of Directors shall, accordingly, hold and manage all synodical property in accordance with the instructions given by the Synod and also in accordance with the State laws.
4. If the management of any synodical property has been committed to any special commission or board (such as the Board of Directors of any educational institution, Mission Boards, Boards of Directors of the Publishing House, Church Extension Boards, etc., like), then such commission or board shall manage such property and shall annually, or whenever requested to do so, report to the Synod's Board of Directors. Before deciding upon matters of reaching importance, commissions and boards shall consult with the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors may refer certain tasks which it has been entrusted to a committee selected from its members. Such committee, however, shall always be responsible to the Board of Directors.
6. The Board of Directors shall decide upon the annual budget. It shall also see to it that the provisions of the budget and of synodical resolutions referring to business and financial matters are carried out.
7. The Board of Directors shall engage a Financial Secretary.
8. Before the congregations or the members of the Synod as a whole are approached for the collection of moneys, the Board of Directors shall be consulted. Committees and boards which have been duly elected by the Synod shall be required to obtain the permission of the Board of Directors only when calling for large sums of money. This ruling shall not be construed to interfere with District or local financial undertakings, provided the collections of moneys shall be confined to the District or the respective locality.
9. The Board of Directors shall keep an accurate record of its proceedings, especially of its management and the use of the synodical property.
10. The Board of Directors shall annually, and, in addition, often as it may deem it necessary, report its work and the needs in the official organs of the Synod. At the convention of the Synod the Board of Directors shall submit a detailed report.
11. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to fill any vacancy on its board for the unexpired term of office.
12. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to draw from the Synodical Treasury for its expenses.
13. The Board of Directors shall be responsible to the Synod for all its transactions, and every decision of the Board may be appealed to the Synod.

**Districts of Synod — Organization.** (Const., § 11)*A. Officers.*

Every District of the Synod shall elect a District President, two District Vice-Presidents, a majority, not a mere plurality of votes, being required for election. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected in accordance with the number of votes received, be the First and Second Vice-President.

### B. Conferences.

Every District of the Synod shall arrange for its pastors pastoral conferences, and shall decide how often these shall be held in the course of a year. The minutes of the pastoral conference shall be sent four weeks prior to the meeting of the District Synod to the District President, who shall appoint a committee to examine them and to make its report to the District Synod. Likewise the District Synod shall, if possible, arrange District conferences for its teachers. The minutes of these conferences shall be submitted to the District Synod in the manner just mentioned, be submitted to the District

Synod, furthermore, recommends that, in addition to the above-mentioned, the pastors and teachers, if possible, hold smaller conferences and meet for the purpose of discussing and necessary doctrinal and practical matters.

All conferences such matters as conduct in office, private conditions of congregations and schools, shall be diligently attended to, and the members shall frankly, in the spirit of Christianity and humility, exercise supervision and discipline among themselves.

### C. Visitations.

Districts of the Synod shall elect a sufficient number of visitors for their respective District, so that each parish can be visited at least once in three years.

### D. Rights and Duties of the District Presidents.

Inasmuch as the District Presidents shall, in accordance with the constitution of the Synod, supervise the doctrine, the life, and the conduct of the pastors and the teachers of their District, and inquire into the prevailing religious conditions, they shall, as far as possible, attend the conferences of pastors and teachers held in their District, advise the congregations of their District as to the duties of pastors and teachers, give counsel when requested, and answer inquiries. They may call upon their visitors to assist them. If any controversy arises in a congregation or among several congregations, the District President shall have the right to arrange a visitation wherever, in his estimation, this may be necessary, if he has not been invited to do so by any congregation or congregations. If the District President authorizes any one to represent him in such matters, then his representative shall be accorded the rights which the District President has. The District Synod shall then take up matters of controversy when any congregation or congregations have made a formal request that this be done. If the District Synod refers such matters to a committee for the purpose of investigation, then the District Synod thereby transfers to such committee the rights given to the District President.

Whenever a congregation of one District enters complaint against a congregation of another District, then the District President shall investigate the case, and report his findings to the District President of the other District, in order that he also may investigate the case in the congregation in his District. If the District Presidents, together with the respective congregations, cannot settle the case, then the District President of the congregation which entered complaint shall turn the case over to the President of the Synod.

### E. Suspension.

Inasmuch as the suspension of any members of the Synod — pastor, teacher, professor, or congregation — is a matter of far-reaching importance, the District President shall not suspend any member unless the two Vice-Presidents and the respective visitor, after thorough investigation of the case, and after having granted

a hearing to the person to be suspended, agree and give notice of suspension.

2. Before the District President publishes the suspension of a member in the synodical organs, he shall first notify the member that he will be suspended, and that four weeks after such notification notice of suspension will be filed for publication in the synodical organs.

3. If the member to be suspended desires to submit his case to a Friendly Committee, and so notifies the President before the four weeks of grace have expired, then the suspension shall not be published in the official organs. The Friendly Committee shall first have been given an opportunity to investigate and, if possible, to adjust the case. If the case is adjusted, then the sentence of suspension shall forthwith be rescinded and published in the synodical organs.

4. The Friendly Committee shall consist of three members. The District President shall select one of its members, the accused shall select the other two, and both shall select the third member.

5. If the sentence of suspension has been published, the accused shall be tried in the following meeting of the District, which shall confirm the sentence of suspension and expel the accused from the Synod, or shall declare that the sentence of suspension is unjustly imposed and shall be removed.

The accused shall be granted the right of a hearing.

#### *F. Friendly Committee.*

A Friendly Committee may also be selected in other cases than those of suspension; to wit, if a member of a District appeals from the decision of the District President to that of the Synod. The member, however, shall be compelled to submit his case to the Friendly Committee as if it were a higher or lower court than that of the District President or the District Synod, but such committee shall be looked upon as a committee whose good offices may be used, if possible, to expedite the proper disposition of any case. The Friendly Committee shall try a case either on the basis of the submissions, or in the presence of the parties involved. The committee may use any means or methods which are not contrary to the Word of God to accomplish its purpose. It is, however, contrary to the powers of any Friendly Committee that it be invested with powers, or that its activity be restricted.

#### *G. Ordination, Installation, and Reception into the Ministry.*

1. The District Presidents shall annually assign to the members of the respective educational institutions the calls for teachers which congregations of their respective Districts and Boards have sent them. When such assignment is being made, the faculties of the respective educational institutions shall be notified.

2. Only such candidates for the ministry may be designated who, having received a legitimate call from and to a congregation, have, after previous examination, been found to be of good faith, apt to teach, and blameless in life.

3. If the President of the respective District does not ordain a candidate for the ministry, or install a pastor, he shall authorize any orthodox Lutheran pastor to do so, who, if possible, request at least one of the other pastors in the District to assist him. The ordination or installation shall take place in the presence of the respective congregation, and the pastor to be installed, in accordance with a prescribed orthodox form, shall solemnly pledge himself to the symbolical books of the Lutheran Church. After the ordination the District President or his representative District shall issue a diploma of ordination.

aries and itinerary preachers who are not called by and congregation shall in like manner be inducted into office. Pastors at Synod's educational institutions shall in like manner be inducted into office by the respective District President or his representative.

Members of parochial schools shall, pledging themselves to the teachings of the Lutheran Church, be publicly inducted into office by the pastor of the respective congregation, who must be authorized to do so by the District President.

The District President shall not authorize the ordination of persons for the ministry or the installation of pastors, as also the installation of teachers of parochial schools, unless the applicant for installation shall at the same time make application for membership in the Synod.

Persons or teachers coming from such church bodies as are not recognized by us to be orthodox cannot be received into membership until the respective District President has published their names in the official synodical organs.

The District President shall annually revise the lists of pastors and teachers in the printed *Annual* of the Synod. The names of those who have left the office of the ministry or that of a teacher in a parochial school, and have taken up some other calling, shall be removed from the register.

#### H. Meetings of Districts.

The meetings of the Districts shall be governed essentially by the regulations adopted by the Synod, inasmuch as these apply to the meetings of the Districts, unless the Districts adopt their own regulations. It is understood, however, that in the Districts the District officers function, and that all business presented must come within the scope of the Districts' regulations. Following special rules shall apply to the Districts:— At the opening service the President of the Synod, or one of his representatives representing him, shall preach.

At the meetings of the Districts the President of the Synod, or his representative representing him, shall report on the condition of the affairs of the Synod (educational institutions, missions, and so forth).

The District meetings voting power shall be given to the laymen who have been sent by congregations holding membership. The pastors shall be accredited if they are in membership of a synodical congregation; the lay-delegates, the *personnel* continually changing, shall by their congregation be given credentials bearing the signature of the pastor of the congregation and the District officers. These credentials must, at the opening of the convention, be given to the District Secretary.

Members of the Synod, voting and advisory, shall regularly attend the meetings of the District Synods, which meetings shall be held beyond a period of six working-days. Such as are constantly absent must present a written excuse. Whoever absents himself without excuse shall be called to account by the District Synod, and, if necessary, admonished. If any one absents himself without excuse, the District President shall report such absence to the District Synod, in order that the District Synod may be able to call the offender, and, if necessary sever synodical relations with him. Members of the Synod as arrive after the opening of the convention and leave before their close, shall present a written excuse.

#### Expulsion. (Const., § 13.)

Whenever a member of the Synod has been expelled by a District synodical organization, the District shall have the duty to ask its President to publish a notice of such expulsion in

the synodical organs, even if the expelled member appeals the decision of the District to that of the Synod. The Synod shall respect the action of the District and consider the member to have been expelled.

2. If a member who has been expelled by a District appeals from the decision of the District to that of the Synod, he shall notify the respective District President, and send the appeal to the President of the Synod. In such event the District President at the same time when the District President publishes the notice of expulsion, publish a notice that an appeal has been filed by the expelled member intends to appeal, his appeal should be sent to the President of the Synod for publication within four weeks of the date of expulsion; it being understood, however, that the member may file his appeal also after such time.

3. At its next convention the Synod shall receive the appeal, examine the case, and shall either confirm the sentence of expulsion, or, if it was not justified, set it aside. If the action of the Synod is reversed, then public notice of this fact shall be given as soon as possible, in the official organs of the Synod.

#### Changes and Additions. (Const., § 14.)

Changes in the By-laws and additions thereunto may be made, such are not contrary to the Constitution, are presented to the Synod, are separately considered and acted upon, and by a majority of the voting representatives.

The Constitution, the By-laws, and all other rules and regulations of the Synod apply to all members of the Synod: congregations having voting membership, pastors, professors, and teachers. The Synod expects that also such congregations as have not yet received into voting membership, but which enjoy the protection accorded to the Synod's congregations, and are served by the teachers holding membership in the Synod, honor the regulations of the Synod and be guided by them.

#### RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, SYNODICAL HANDBOOK.

##### *Resolved:—*

1. That Synod express its hearty thanks to the committee which has with great care and pains prepared the draft of the new Constitution and By-laws.
2. That Synod proceed as soon as possible to revise the Constitution and that the same committee which has prepared the draft of the Constitution and By-laws be charged with this new duty.
3. That a committee be appointed to prepare an explanation of the Constitution, the By-laws, and the Synodical Handbook as soon as possible, and present same to Synod three months later.

#### MEMORIAL 403 CONCERNING § 7B OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION

A conference objected to this sentence.

Synod resolved that to retain the present form was dangerous, and that it did not appear advisable to retain it in the Constitution at this early date.



#### MEMORIAL 404.

tion here made is amply covered by § 11A. 4 of the

#### MEMORIAL 405.

for by § 11D. 4 of the By-laws.

#### LODGE-MEMBERSHIP.

Printed memorial a conference expressed the opinion  
"renunciation of all lodgery — die Lossagung von allem  
should be inserted in § 6, 2.

resolution declared that it included the ungodly lodgery  
"unionism and syncretism of every description," § 6, 2.

#### Literature Committee.

resolved that the Literature Committee shall consist of  
of Synod in addition to the Manager of Concordia  
House. Its duties shall be to appoint committees of  
shall examine and approve manuscripts. With reference  
however, manuscripts shall be examined by the St. Louis

#### Amending the Charter.

That the Board of Directors be and hereby is instructed  
the charter of Synod in conformity with the new Con-  
Synod, to wit, to amend to the effect that the Board of  
sist of not less than seven members, the President of  
secretary, and its Treasurer, and one pastor and three  
and that all former laws and by-laws of Synod con-  
any adopted at this session shall be and are hereby  
abrogated.

#### Incorporation of Synod in Various States.

ard of Directors were instructed to look into this matter  
at the next Synod.

#### Partition of Districts.

That Oklahoma and New Mexico, for the present, re-  
with the Kansas District; that Colorado be organized  
trict, and that Utah be added to the new Colorado District.

That Synod receive the report of the Minnesota Dis-  
ference to the formation of the new Western Canada  
(Permission for this partition had been given.)

## Representation at Washington, D. C.

Resolved to appoint a standing representative at Washington, D. C., who shall be granted a remuneration of \$50 per month for his expenses.

## The Presidency.

### Salary of the President.

The Atlantic District recommended that Synod fix the salary of the President at \$4,800 per year.

### ACTION.

Synod resolved to fix the salary of the President at \$4,800 per annum and free dwelling.

### Gratuity of the Vice-Presidents.

The gratuity of Vice-Presidents was raised from \$100 per annum to \$150 annually.

## Election Laws.

(Germ. Rep., p. 249.)

1. The election of the President and the Vice-Presidents shall be conducted as previously fixed (cf. *Bericht*, 1914, pp. 11-12) to wit:—

A. The first election for candidates shall be for the President and the second for the Vice-Presidents; the latter, however, shall not take place until the election of the President has been completed.

B. The five persons who had the largest number of votes in the first mentioned election shall be candidates for the office of President.

C. Immediately after the five (5) candidates for the office of President have been determined upon, ballots shall be printed and the definite election be carried on by the Election Commission at a later session.

D. The election of the President and the Vice-Presidents shall result in an absolute majority, whereas in all other elections a simple majority shall suffice.

E. If the first ballot does not result in an absolute majority, the name of the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes shall be stricken and balloting repeated with the four remaining candidates. This process of eliminating the name having the smallest number of votes and reballoting, shall be continued until an absolute majority has been obtained.

F. When the election of the President has been completed, the preliminary election for Vice-Presidents, i. e., the election of the persons who are to be candidates for the office of Vice-Presidents, shall take place.

For each Vice-President three candidates shall be nominated. They shall be those persons who received the largest number of votes in the preliminary election. Vice-Presidents are to be elected by ballot. If the number of candidates — 6 for two Vice-Presidents, 9 for three, etc. — is less than the absolute majority is demanded, names are stricken and the election is repeated until the absolute majority has been obtained. If the Vice-Presidents having been elected, another election shall be held. The candidates who shall be the first, second, third, etc., respectively, and the order of election in the following manner, so that he who has the largest number of votes shall be the First Vice-President, and, eventually, the successor of President. The smaller number of votes determines the order of election as Second, Third, etc., Vice-President.

In the same way, by an absolute majority, Synod elects a Secretary and a treasurer. (Resolution at Detroit, 1920.)

Each District shall at its sessions in the year preceding the annual Synod nominate by ballot double the number of candidates for each office or institutions, including the Publishing House, the Secretary of the District; the Secretary of the District shall send the list to the Synod; the latter shall compile the names from all districts and transmit them as soon as possible to the appointed Committee on Elections, which shall present them to Synod for the purpose of confirmation or change for the ballot.

If a District omit to nominate candidates, or should the District be not be able to serve, the representatives of said District at the Synod shall meet and nominate candidates.

In order to fill the offices of the Board of Control (Board of Directors) and the General Mission Board, should such board be elected, the Synod shall by ballot elect at its first session a nominating committee consisting of eleven members, four pastors, four laymen, and three teachers. The Nominating Committee shall be elected in the following way. Each voter shall write on his ballot the name of one pastor, one layman, and one teacher, and the four or three respectively who have the largest number of votes shall be elected. The Nomination Committee thus elected shall then present to Synod double the number of candidates for confirmation or change. In the same manner the Nominating Committee shall fill all the remaining offices upon motion. However, where the members of the nominating committee, or board, must reside at the same place, the Nominating Committee shall nominate two localities and a single candidate for each locality.

For all elections, candidates shall not be listed in so-called alphabetical order.

These rules for elections shall go into effect immediately at the next annual Synod.

## MISSIONS.

### Home Missions in North America

(Germ. Rep., p. 101.)

The Board for Home Missions reported that during the years (April 1917 to April 1920), mission-work had been carried on. The missionaries were faithful, diligent, and efficient in performing the duties of their offices. 250 missionaries now serving more than 600 preaching-stations. Nine Synodical Districts receive subsidies from the General Treasury. During the three years \$149,055 were requested, and \$134,033 were granted. The Board preferring to curtail grants rather than to incur debt. However, during the coming three years the appropriations materially increased, since many of the mission-stations are in larger cities where the work is more expensive.

The committee having this report in charge recommended that the report be adopted. With respect to the desired sum of the committee recommended that this sum be included in the appropriation for the Board for Home Missions and that authority be granted to increase or decrease this sum according to needs during the coming two years of the triennium.

Synod adopted these recommendations.

### Plan for Home Mission Work.

The following plan for promoting the work of Home Missions was adopted:—

1. The management of Home Mission work shall in the future remain the business of the individual Synodical District.
2. The Mission Board shall consist of five members, three clergymen and two laymen. This Board shall cause exact statistics to be kept of Synod's entire Home Mission work in all Districts to be kept. By means of thorough investigation, it shall keep itself informed of the missionary methods of the Districts and aid all Districts with its advice.
3. The representatives of the District Boards for Home Missions and of the Church Extension Board shall meet with the Home Mission Board at the Delegate Synod and also during the two years in order to confer on the entire mission-work and secure uniform cooperation of all the Districts. The meeting at the Delegate Synod shall be so arranged that the committee of the report of the Mission Board can meet with the representatives. At this meeting the amount needed to carry on this work, the method of raising same, and the apportionment among the Districts shall be the chief topic for discussion.

Districts shall also be asked to include in their budgets an of the General Mission Board expenses. The Home Board, however, shall also be permitted to make special funds when necessary.

#### ELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING HOME MISSIONS.

*and Missionaries.* — At the instance of the College of Presidents resolved that the names of missionaries who have served in foreign lands and who have returned for good reasons, be among the candidates and that fitting calls be assigned to the annual distribution of calls. (Germ. Rep., p. 101.)

*in Courses at Seminaries.* — Synod approved the action of representatives of all mission boards in commissioning Pastors Edmann and W. Hallerberg to confer with the local boards of theological seminaries with a view of arranging special missionary methods and history. (Germ. Rep., p. 102.)

*Spanish Language.* — Synod authorized the boards to make preaching Spanish.

*among Soldiers on Mexican Border.* — The Home Mission Board ordered to take into account the spiritual care of Lutheran soldiers on the Texas-Mexican border in its appropriations to the District. (Germ. Rep., p. 103.)

*of Mr. Ohlde.* (Unprinted memorial.) — Mr. H. W. Ohlde reported to his District with his communications, as they do not belong under the jurisdiction of Synod. (Germ. Rep. 103.)

*Missionary Leaflets.* — Each and every Mission Board of Synod is to issue Missionary Leaflets. These are to be sold at cost. Each board may appoint a special editor for these Leaflets. The Publishing House is to see to it that these Leaflets will be published. (Germ. Rep., p. 103.)

#### Church Board for Army and Navy, U. S. A.

The Lutheran Church Board for Army and Navy reported that in the discharge of their duties they had received the full cooperation of the Synod War Committee. Said Synod had also contributed one-fifth of the expenses. An Eastern Department was created with headquarters at New York City to care for the men in the service on the Atlantic Coast. Pastors D. H. Steffens and J. Frederic Wenchel directed the Washington Bureau of the Board. In order to do more efficiently, the Board was incorporated as "an Illinois corporation not for profit" and thereupon proceeded to purchase land at various camps and cantonments, and to erect service centers. A special Finance Committee was appointed to conduct a very successful drive for the necessary funds. The Board published *The Soldiers' and Sailors' Bulletin*, which was

distributed gratis to the boys in the service, and was subscribed by many of the subscribers. Its bound volumes contain an illuminating record of the Synod's war work. With the growth of business, offices were moved to the City Hall Square Building at Chicago, on May 1, 1917. At the same time, a manager was engaged to take charge of the business routine. The Board had in service as many as 70 camp pastors who devoted all their time to the religious and welfare work at the camps, and 124 camp missionaries who were engaged in camps at their home charges, or where there were not so many. The former were paid salary and expenses; the latter were paid for their expenses only. Where necessary, pastors were furnished with automobiles. Camp pastors were also furnished with typewriters, stationery, etc., and, in some cases, with communion sets. The Board by the Walther League, which furnished the necessary supplies. The Board distributed 80,000 hymnals, 12,000 Bibles and 425,000 sermons, 260,000 tracts, and numerous periodicals. Chaplains were appointed from the Synodical Conference, five in each of the four seas. The chaplains appointed by the Government received \$500 and were allowed an equipment fund of \$500. While overseas chaplains were allowed the same amount for an Emergency Fund. Field secretaries were engaged to coordinate the work at the camps. All told the Board held 152 meetings. With the signing of the armistice, the Board began demobilization. All property was disposed of as rapidly as possible, and is now disposed of, with the exception of two pieces of real estate, namely, Camp Sherman and Camp Grant. The Board furthermore reported that 37,582 boys served in the Army and Navy, besides, there were 249 other war-workers and 10,692 were with the American Expeditionary Force. 10,692 died in the United States, and 472 in the A. E. F.

The Board reported a substantial balance; and in addition, recommended that \$300,000 of these funds be set aside as working capital, covering all activities of Synod.

#### ACTION.

Synod resolved to extend a rising vote of thanks to the Army and Navy for its great work. Our portion of the balance of the Army and Navy Fund was ordered placed in the Church Extension Fund. The Board declined to establish a permanent Army and Navy Board, and adopted the following resolution dissolving the Lutheran Church Army and Navy, U. S. A.:—

WHEREAS, The Committee appointed at the Triennial Convention held in 1917 to take over and have control of all matters relating to the Army and Navy work of our Church and its members, and now submitted their final report and account; and

WHEREAS, The said report and account has been read and approved by Synod, and, on proper motion duly made, seconded and

ved, and ordered spread on the minutes of this con-

It appears that said committee has fully performed  
the purpose of its office, and, having for its better  
organized itself as an Illinois corporation not for profit,  
required to fulfil the requirements of the law for its  
ation; and

Said committee stands ready to be discharged upon  
properly dissolved itself as such organized corporation,  
stating that there are no debts or claims of any kind  
of said corporation, and that it is legally entitled to  
and awaits the order and direction of the Synod as to  
tion and paying over of the assets remaining on hand  
committee-corporation; now, therefore, be it

That all debts and claims being fully paid by said  
corporation, and all matters not fully settled and ter-  
ing taken over to be carried out and performed by Synod,  
committee-corporation is hereby authorized, ordered, and  
transfer, convey, pay over, and surrender up to the Evan-  
geran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States all its  
personal, and mixed, wheresoever situated, and thereupon  
to valid dissolution of said organized corporation, and  
consummation thereof, that said committee stand dis-  
and be it further

That Synod hereby indemnifies each and every member  
committee, including former members thereof, from any and  
for any act or thing done or omitted to be done by said  
so acting as members of said committee and members  
corporation, from its inception to the date thereof, and up-  
ing the dissolution of said corporation and the discharge  
committee accordingly; and be it further

That all the documents, records, books, papers, minutes  
insurance policies, monuments of title, and other files  
committee and corporation be deposited with Synod upon  
of said committee, together with the certificate show-  
olution of said corporation.

## Church Extension Fund.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 111—120.)

### Summary of Activities.

|                      | Total for<br>1902—1916. | Total for<br>1917—1920. |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| tions assisted ..... | 260                     | 136                     |
| granted .....        | \$546,269.00            | \$262,520.00-           |
| requested .....      | \$1,360,420.00          | \$1,076,681.00          |

The loans made during 1917—20 enabled the Gospel preached to an average attendance of 29,223 people every year. 225 requests could not be granted. Greater funds are urgently needed.

In order to provide greater funds, the Board recommended that the balance of the Army and Navy Fund be placed into this fund, that additional funds be gathered by offerings, presents, non-interest bearing loans, legacies, etc.; that all congregations which derive benefit from this fund be, from the very beginning, encouraged to make one offering a year for this fund. The Board asked permission to incorporate under the name of "Lutheran Church-Building Fund." Proposed regulations governing loans to congregations were voted. Authority to engage an Executive Secretary was requested. The action of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, in requesting a loan of \$35,000 was also reported. This request, however, was withdrawn, so that no action was needed.

#### ACTION.

Synod recommended that the congregations contribute liberally to this treasury, and that individuals be urged to replenish the treasury with presents, legacies, and non-interest bearing loans. The proposed regulations governing loans to churches were referred to the Board of Directors for revision. The request for incorporation and change of name was tabled, Synod's incorporation being approved. The Church Extension Board was authorized to engage, with the consent of the Board of Directors, the necessary assistance. The balance of the Army and Navy Fund was voted to this treasury.

The committee in charge also reported that the financial statement of the Church Extension Board had been presented, and was found audited and reported correct by the auditing committee.

*Petition of Grace Church, Los Angeles, Cal.—Memo.* This petition was referred to the Church Extension Board.

For Treasurer's Report see German Report, pp. 117 ff.

### Home Missions in Foreign Countries

(Germ. Rep., pp. 121—128.)

The World War greatly hindered this work. Communication with the missionaries was difficult, irregular, and often interrupted. Still, thanks are due to God for His protection and blessing. Despite the bitter hatred against everything German which the war engendered, no missionary suffered bodily harm, no property was damaged, no mission-post was lost. A measure of progress can even be seen.



## Brazil.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 121—124.)

work in Brazil was much hindered by the prohibition of the use of the German language. Such conditions now no longer obtain. Nearly every congregation and preaching-station maintains a Sunday school, which augurs well for the future. A new field among the Luso-Brazilians, who are nominally adherents of the Catholic Church, has been opened. The work is carried on in Portuguese, but promising beginning has been made. The great need is for more men. 25 pastors at present serve 36 parishes. Illness has removed four men. Three additional missionaries were sent from the States. To meet the crying need, the advice was given to graduate one-half of the Senior Class of the Seminary at Alegre in advance of their time, whereby five more men were secured. Expenditures: 1917, \$17,856; 1918, \$21,765.59; 1919, \$10,168.08.

The Board requested Synod to endorse the action of raising the salary of missionaries to \$800 per year, and to support by resolution the demand for complete parish reports. Since there have been missionaries who left Brazil without the consent of the authorities, the Board requested Synod, in the interest of order and propriety, to pass a resolution to the effect that traveling expenses in commendation for a call to a congregation in the States shall be paid only to returned missionaries only when a certificate from the Synod in Brazil accompanies the application.

## ACTION.

The requests of the Board were granted, Synod holding that the annual salary of \$800 was rather too low than too high. Synod more fully expressed its joy and thanks to God for opening a door for mission-work among the Luso-Brazilians, and recommended a year's subscription to the *Kirchenblatt fuer Suedamerika*, that interest in this mission might be stimulated. Also resolved that a committee of the Board conduct a visitation in the Brazil District every two years. It was also resolved to sanction the incorporation of the district under the name of "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Brazil." (Germ. Rep., p. 128.)

## Argentina.

(Germ. Rep., p. 124.)

Good progress is reported from Argentina. Eight pastors are at work in this field; one additional man is *en route*. The laws of the country, however, make the erection of parochial schools almost impossible. Attempts are being made, however, to provide the chil-

dren with religious instruction. Expenses: 1917, \$1,127.28; 1919, \$14,127.28.

Synod felt impelled to express its delight at the mission, while deploring the fact that existing Lutheran schools.

#### London, England.

(Germ. Rep., p. 125.)

Pastor Knippenberg serves two congregations, which dwindled to very small numbers. Even during the war he had to preach in German without molestation. For a time he had a united congregation. But when he demanded a church also on the advice of Pastor Hagen — they declared their purpose of continuing in their old connection, whereupon in that congregation terminated. Disbursements: 1917, \$925; 1919, \$600.

#### Denmark.

(Germ. Rep., p. 125.)

Rev. Michael is our only pastor in Denmark. He had to leave off completely from Germany, so that it became necessary to send him directly from America. Disbursements: 1917, \$1,750.

#### New Zealand.

(Germ. Rep., p. 125.)

This mission was turned over to our sister synod. The Board has merely forwarded the money contributed to the mission, to wit, \$2,319.76.

#### Alsace.

When the treaty of Versailles awarded Alsace to France, Martin Willkomm, who served several small congregations in that country, found it necessary to flee to Germany in 1918. He was filled by calling Pastor Mueller, a native Alsatian, who had returned from the United States to visit his aged father, who was stalled by Pastor W. Hagen. After the situation in Alsace grew more settled, it will be necessary to send more missionaries. \$1,000 have so far been sent to this field.

Synod resolved to encourage the Board to provide for the mission in Alsace to the best of its ability.

#### Germany.

(Germ. Rep., p. 125.)

All communication with Germany ceased during the war, no letters nor money being sent. Still, the brethren continued their labor faithfully. Their work has not been without

in Berlin has grown. The *Freikirche* appears regularly publish a magazine similar to *Lehre und Wehre*, and *Bekenntnis* (The Scriptures and the Confessions). The (Publication Society) is busy disseminating our Germany. The Board also managed the moneys contributed for relief in Germany until a special committee was organized. Thus \$2,168.07 were expended in 1917; \$980 in 1918. \$1,800 was forwarded to the Red Cross according to the wishes of the donors. From various quarters the Board had to send a delegation to Europe after the war. The Board hailed the plan with joy. It was also endorsed by the Synod Presidents. Accordingly the Board in conjunction with the Synod appointed Prof. L. Fuerbringer, Rev. W. Hagen, and Mr. Wm. Schlake. The two latter made the journey, visited, addressed, and encouraged our congregations in Europe. Disbursements: 1917, \$2,168.07; 1918, \$980.00; 1919, \$20,552.50.

#### ACTION.

The Synod resolved to instruct the Board to devise ways and means under the most favorable circumstances, our publications could be disseminated; to approve the sending of a commission to Europe; to express thanks to the commission in general for faithful service, and to Mr. Wm. Schlake in particular for paying his personal expenses approximating \$900.

### Mission among the Deaf-Mutes.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 128—130.)

The mission is carried on at 70 places in the United States. In addition, missionaries also preach in the State institutions. There are many congregations. A number of blind deaf-mutes, too, are active. Pastors Jagels, Uhlig, and Jensen have left the service to enter other calls. The latter two still serve several smaller congregations. Pastors A. Dahms, J. Schumacher, W. Harms, and others have entered this service. The missionaries' salaries are paid by the Synod. The debt on the chapel in Minneapolis was \$15,000. For the coming year the Board requested \$15,000. No additional contributions will be needed if all congregations follow the plan and lift one collection annually for this mission. The income was \$9,471.04, \$8,279.30, and \$10,253.40 for the years 1917, 1918, and 1919 respectively. Of this amount the deaf-mutes received for each of the three years, \$830.04, \$606.62, and \$1,000.00. The expenditures for each of these years were \$8,879.00, \$7,672.68, and \$9,494.35.

## ACTION.

Synod resolved to fix the minimum salary for these missionaries at \$100 per month and free dwelling, and to remind all congregations through the *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness* of the previous resolution, that every congregation lift one collection annually for this treasury, for example, on the 12th Sunday after Trinity. One of the missionaries was given an opportunity to address a few words to the convention.

## Jewish Mission.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 131—133.)

This work is carried on in Greater New York amid much opposition and bitter organized hostility on the part of the Jewish population, so that police protection repeatedly has had to be requested. Still a number of Jews suffer nothing to keep them from the services. Converts are few, since embracing Christianity means for the Jew forsaking his home, his relatives, and his friends.

The following figures show what energetic work is being done by the missionary. 153 sermons to a total of 3,974 auditors; 1,391 religious talks in Jewish homes; 3,078 calls in Greater New York; 5,391 Jewish callers received privately; 5,750 tracts, 1,501 Catechisms, and 740 New Testaments distributed gratis; 935 copies of the New Testament lent to Jews on deposit of cost price; 6 sermons and 2 lectures delivered in the interest of the mission; 76 Jews purchased New Testaments for 25 cents, and 35, Catechisms for 5 cents; 100 Catechisms sent on order to the Lutheran Hospital, and 25 to the Jewish Mission of the Reformed Church; 100 Catechisms were presented by a friend of the Lutheran Hospital. — \$6,968.65 was disbursed during the past three years.

The Board reported that the missionary's salary had been raised, and requested authority to purchase a residence.

## ACTION.

Synod, by resolution, recommended to the Board to consider whether it would not be profitable to remove the mission to another location in view of the bitter hostility encountered. Should the mission remain in New York, the Board was authorized to purchase a dwelling for the missionary at a cost not exceeding \$8,000 and to solicit donations for this purpose in *Lutheraner* and *Lutheran Witness*. The Treasurer's report was also presented and reported correct.

## Foreign-Tongue Mission.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 134—138.)

There are 14 missionaries engaged in this work: among Poles, 4; Lithuanians, 5; Letts, 2; Slovaks, 1; Italians, 1; Esthonians and Finns, 1. New churches were erected by the Slovaks in Detroit and

Poles in Colgate, Md. The work among the Persians was discontinued. Missionaries are urged to provide the rising generation with the necessary English services. Growth in knowledge and love of the Gospel is manifesting itself in increased support of the Church. The treasury for foreign-tongue students for the ministry was able to grant the needed support after making a loan of \$200. In Chicago an attempt was also made to do mission-work among Poles who had left the Catholic Church. A few were gained for our Polish congregation, but the work has now been discontinued.

Summary: Sermons, 2,945; attendance, 142,322; communed, 1,951; baptisms, 386; marriages, 103; burials, 128; confirmed, 126; total income from the missions, \$13,954.44. \$10,000 will be needed to carry on the work in 1920.

The Board requested the publication of Synod's Catechism, Pastor Geo. Jurkszat having made the translation which was subsequently revised by the missionaries; the publication of a Lettish periodical, the missionary in Boston having at great pains translated the Catechism and Bible History; and the publication of a Polish hymnal in Latin letters.

The audited report of the treasurer was also presented.

#### ACTION.

The committee in charge recommended that the report on Foreign-tongue Mission, which was not published in the *Synodalbericht* of 1917, be included in the Report for 1920. Synod, however, resolved to leave this to the discretion of the Secretary. It was furthermore resolved to publish the Lithuanian Catechism, to approve the publication of a Lettish paper containing selections from the Lutheran Catechism and from Bible History. The request for the Polish hymnal was tabled owing to the great expense. The Board was authorized to call a foreign-tongue immigrant missionary as soon as this is found desirable. The committee in charge of the report recommended Pastor Ell, of Perry, Okla., for this position.

### Indian Mission.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 138—142.)

Vacancies in the Board due to the fact that Pastors H. Maack and F. Selle declined to accept the office were filled by the election of Pastors F. Siebrandt and G. Schroedel. January, 1918, Missionary Otis Lang resigned for reasons of health. The vacancy was filled by calling Pastor H. M. Tjernagel, who was then on the verge of severing his connections with the Norwegian Lutheran Church for reasons of conscience. Teacher E. A. Peetzke was drafted into the army. His position was successfully filled by lady teachers and pupils. The Board intends to continue this plan, the missionary instructing in

religion. The Gospel is preached at Red Springs, Morgan Siding, Neopit. The opening of another preaching-station in White Pine Reservation among the Chippewa Indians is being contemplated. \$23,873.78 was disbursed during the past three years.

Three years ago Synod appropriated \$26,000 for a new dormitory at Red Springs. The subsequent rise in prices made this sum insufficient. Dire need compelled the Board to begin with the erection of a building, the cost of which, it is hoped, will not exceed \$33,000.

The Board requested Synod to approve the Board's action in beginning this building; to urge all congregations that have not contributed to send in an offering without delay (\$19,000 are still needed); to appropriate at least \$10,000 annually for Indian Missions; to authorize the Board to borrow the money needed to make the final payment on the building and to provide for repaying the loan by adding \$2,000 to the annual budget; and to appropriate \$1,000 for a chapel at Morgan Siding.

The committee in charge of this report sustained the request, whereupon they were granted by Synod. The annual appropriation was fixed at \$15,000. The missionary was also encouraged to hold the field at Neopit, where the services are attended by comparatively few at present.

The committee in charge reported that no financial report was presented. A letter from one member of the auditing committee, however, was presented stating that he had audited the books and found them to be correct. The committee also reported that they had been assured that both the missionary as well as the Board had labored faithfully and expressed regret that the needed financial assistance had not been forthcoming. This report also was adopted by Synod.

## Foreign Mission.

### India.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 142 ff.)

Twenty-five years ago our Synod began its foreign mission-work in East India. During these years 20 missionaries and 1 mission nurse have been sent. The field to-day embraces 64 stations. Three institutions prepare native assistants for our missions. The war, however, has sadly impeded this work. In spite of repeated attempts, no new workers could be sent since 1915. Death, sickness, and war conditions have reduced the number of missionaries from 15 to 4. An appeal for help was made to our sister synod in Australia. A graduate of their seminary accepted a call to this field, and, God willing, will soon enter upon his labors.

Still the work has not only been carried on, but has even been extended. Statistics for 1919: 5 missionaries, 169 native assistants.

ists, 32 catechists, 83 Christian teachers, 52 non-Christian teachers in secular branches), 64 mission-stations, 3,402 catechumens, 1,681 baptized Christians, 318 communicant 33 schools with 310 baptized pupils and 2,347 unbaptized. During 1919, 141 adult heathen and 105 children of Christians were baptized, 60 confirmed, 813 communed, 44 marriages, 12 burials. The mission property consists of 66 sites totaling 1,200 acres, 12 dwellings for missionaries, 5 chapels, 33 shelters, 100 buildings, and 22 dwellings for native assistants. Native Christians and pupils contributed 4,150 rupees (\$1,383.33); school from the government, 5,733 rupees. A mountain home is maintained as a sanatorium for the missionaries and their families. Income during the past three years, \$117,240.36; disbursed, \$74.60. Mountain home: income, \$6,559, disbursed, \$5,000.

### China.

(Germ. Rep., p. 145.)

Nine years ago a mission society in our circles sent the first missionary to China, followed by another in 1915. At the last convention, Synod assumed this mission. Six additional missionaries have since been sent. One has recently resigned in order to qualify himself as a mission doctor. Our missionaries and 6 native assistants preach at six stations in the city of Hankow. The Christians number 69 souls; of these, 53 are communicants, and 35, voting members. 12 schools are maintained, where 2 missionaries, 10 male and 3 female teachers instruct 427 children. 11 persons were baptized during 1919. Synod as yet owns no property. It was recently resolved to begin a new mission in Shihnanfu, over 300 miles southwest of Hankow. This is a district where practically no Protestant mission-work has yet been done. Receipts for the past three years, \$42,633.03; disbursements, \$46,734.56. The Board is now trying to secure the services of a nurse for this field. Efforts were also made, though unsuccessful, to obtain a missionary doctor for both India and China. Vacancies in the treasurership of the Board were filled by the election of Mr. J. P. Damm and Mr. Wm. Lehr, successively. When the Board assumed the management of the China Mission, Pastor A. Rehdelt, ex-secretary of the Lutheran Mission Society for China, was made a member-at-large of the Board. Owing to the death of Pastor Sievers, this did not increase the membership of the Board.

The Board recommended that the treasuries for India and China be merged; that a General Secretary, who could visit the fields and devote all his time and energy to the prosecution of this work, be authorized; that in deliberating on the recommendations of the Survey Committee, the installation of a course in missions, resolved

upon at the previous convention, but not yet executed, for consideration; and, finally, that more reports and articles be published treating of our foreign missions.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 147—150.)

The committee in charge of this report brought in the following recommendations:—

1. That in view of the vain attempts on the part of the Board and Synod's Washington Committee to obtain permission for additional missionaries to India, Synod elect a committee authorized to appear before the British Government in Synod's name, and plead with them to grant the desired permission, by emphasizing the fact that just in these troubled times our missionaries, who teach and admonish the natives from the Holy Scriptures, to consider the will of God as their God's ordinance, and to obey them for conscience' sake, are an asset to the country.
2. That the treasuries for India and China Missions be maintained.
3. That a General Secretary for Foreign Missions be elected.
4. That the necessary steps be taken to carry out the recommendations of the previous convention, providing for courses in the history of missions at our seminaries.
5. That no particular mission-paper be published, but that our church-papers give more space to mission-reports, and that mission-tracts be issued, when necessary; that when the material at hand warrants it, mission-tracts be published and distributed.
6. The committee also reported that the Norwegian Synod and the American Evangelical Lutheran Church had resolved to work for a common cause with us in the matter of foreign missions and that they were good prospects of securing a missionary from their body. We recommended that the representative of the Norwegian Church be recognized as a member-at-large of our Board.

#### ACTION.

These recommendations of the committee were resolved upon and the report adopted as a whole. In this connection the representative of the Norwegian Church, Dr. Ylvisaker, was invited to address the convention, and Synod's greetings were sent to the Norwegian brethren through him.

#### Immigrant Mission.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 150—154.)

Although immigration which offered mission material for the past few years has ceased with the outbreak of the war, still the work of the mission is rich in blessing. With the return of normal conditions, the



are more extended and intricate. The proceeds of the sale of the "Pilgerhaus" are safely invested. The interest not only covers the expenses, but even yielded some return on the capital. The interest was disbursed for benevolences. The total assets for 1919 were \$2,520.02. For a detailed financial statement, see German Report, p. 151 ff.

#### ACTION.

On the recommendation of the committee, Synod resolved to approve the sale of the "Pilgerhaus"; to employ the proceeds for no other purpose than for Immigrant and Emigrant Missions; to leave the management of the funds in the hands of the Lutheran Immigrant Aid Society, Inc., in connection with the President of Synod and the Secretary of the Atlantic District.

Synod also authorized the opening of an Immigrant Mission in South America in case the stream of South American immigration should become heavy. (Germ. Rep., p. 155.)

### Seamen's Mission.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 154. 155.)

A memorial of the Atlantic District recommended that Synod support the Seamen's Mission which had for some time been carried on by Pastor Pinkert of our Synod. At present he is working among about 100 German seamen and reservists who are not minded to return to their country. His Christmas service was attended by 684 seamen and 300 of their friends.

#### ACTION.

Synod resolved to take over the Seamen's Mission in New York, to place same under the supervision of the Immigrant Mission. The calling of a missionary was left to this Board.

### Negro Mission.

(Germ. Rep., p. 155.)

The Negro Mission is carried on by the Synodical Conference. F. J. Lankenau briefly addressed Synod on this work. For more information he referred to the church-papers, especially to the *Lutheran Pioneer*, which deserves a greater number of readers.

#### DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MISSIONS OF SYNOD.

Synod resolved that the several Mission Boards appoint representatives in the various Districts of Synod, who shall speak for the respective missions.

## JUVENILE MATTERS.

### Literature.

(Germ. Rep., p. 156.)

The Committee for Juvenile Literature reported that it had 1,728 books, of which number 627 were found to be unfit. The list contains about 500 titles, covering narratives and general literature, natural history, ethnology, travels, biography, and history. These numbers are to be increased as soon as possible.

The Committee's experience warrants the view that the Church must watch over the reading of its young people lest the good implanted at school and in confirmation instruction be destroyed by literature which promotes worldly-mindedness, false morality, or immorality. The Committee is considering the plan of arranging the present material in libraries, containing titles for all ages. A few manuscripts have been received. All narratives and other writings were printed at the suggestion of the Committee. There is a need for more books dealing with the history of our Synod and Lutheran congregational life.

The following *resolutions* were adopted:—

1. That Synod give the Committee a vote of thanks for its faithful work.
2. That the Committee be reduced from 5 to 4 members, and be given authority to secure other assistants.
3. That pastors and teachers bring these lists to the attention of their people and pupils, urging them to give preference to these books.
4. That the teachers give preference to the "supplementary readings" which the Committee is preparing for our schools.
5. That pastors, teachers, and congregations cooperate in bringing about the purchase of the libraries which the Committee is preparing, and do everything in their power to bring into the homes wholesome literature for the young.
6. That more books be written dealing with synodical history and Lutheran congregational life, and that conferences of pastors and teachers be requested to look for capable men in their midst and urge them to undertake this work.
7. With regard to the petition of the English District that Synod establish a committee on young people's work, it was resolved that such a committee be created, consisting of 2 pastors, 2 teachers, and 1 layman, residing in the same city or in convenient proximity to each other. This committee shall furnish information and advice concerning the organization and management of young people's societies, or young people's work in general.

## Recognition of the Walther League.

(Germ. Rep., p. 159.)

Walther League requested official recognition from Synod. Particularly its hospice work has often been hampered by lack of recognition. The League offered to submit to Synod a regular report of its activities and to submit the minutes of its annual conference to Synod for approval.

On recommendation of the committee in charge, Synod passed the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, The Walther League has a record of 27 years of blessed

and  
WHEREAS, Its chief aim is to keep the young people under the influence of God's Word by organizing young people's societies, and

WHEREAS, The League does not desire to be an organization separate from the congregation or Synod, and has therefore determined in its constitution that all young people's societies which are members of the Walther League must be subordinated to their congregations, and

WHEREAS, The absence of synodical recognition has often hindered its work, therefore

it resolved, That Synod grant the request of the Walther League for official recognition, acknowledge its work with thanks, and wish the League God's blessing.

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the League, i. e., the individual societies, is by its constitutions placed under the supervision and control of the respective congregations, therefore be it

resolved, That Synod advise the Walther League to be content with this Scriptural supervision and control.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS.

### Report of Incapacitated Servants of the Church and Their Dependents.

(Germ. Rep., p. 159.)

The Board of Support reported that, according to the resolution of the 1917 convention, the support of incapacitated servants of the Church and their dependents had been centralized and administered by the Board since January, 1918. Total disbursements for 1918, \$542; for 1919, \$89,534.69. Wherever possible, the Board has used the permanent support fund. Two conferences were held with representatives of the subcommittees of the various Districts. The Board requested Synod to recognize the Support Conference;

to permit the Board to place beneficiaries in charge of the committee of the District in which they reside, should that be found desirable; and to authorize the Board to issue annuity bonds, according to which the Board of Support administers the capital for the donor, paying him an annuity based on his age, the capital reverting to the Support Fund on the death of the donor.

A detailed plan for systematic support (pension plan) based on years of service (\$11 per year of service) was presented. If adopted, the Board recommends that the pension plan apply only to the new cases arising after December 31, 1920, old cases to be provided for according to the present method. (For the plan in full, see German Report, pp. 161 ff.)

The committee in charge of this matter reported as follows:—

WHEREAS, Two methods of support, to go into effect January 1, 1921, are contained in the plan proposed by the Board of Support, which methods, however, cannot be readily carried out since dissatisfaction would thereby easily be aroused in certain circles of Synod;

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the needed capital for carrying out these plans is not at hand and cannot be readily obtained, and

WHEREAS, The support of needy servants of the Church and their dependents has also in the past three years been systematic and more ample; therefore

*We Recommend:*

1. That the old method of support be retained for the next three years;

2. That the proceeds of the L. L. L. Fund be turned over to the treasury of the Board of Support, and that also in future this treasury be supplied with offerings of congregations (20 cents per communicant member ought to be raised annually), gifts, and legacies, that more ample support may be given;

3. That Synod advise conferences and District Synods carefully to consider the entire plan of systematic support, and report any suggestions and recommendations to the Board of Support, to the end that a ripper and better plan may be presented to Synod three years hence.

**ACTION.**

These recommendations of the committee were adopted by Synod. Synod furthermore resolved to grant the three petitions of the Board of Support, and authorize from this treasury the support of incapacitated servants of the Church who are called by benevolent, educational, and mission societies and are advisory members of a synodical District.

The auditing committee reported that it had examined the records of the treasurer of the Board of Support and found same to be correct. The committee called attention to the efficient and economical

manner in which the fund was administered, due largely to the able work of the chairman, Rev. G. F. Kuehnert, and recommended that Synod give due consideration to the question of proper compensation to Rev. Kuehnert for the time spent on this work.

Synod resolved to accept the report of the auditing committee, while appreciating the splendid services of Rev. Kuehnert, decided to enter upon the recommendation of the auditing committee, as it did not desire to establish a precedent.

### L. L. L. Fund.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 166—170.)

The chairman of the Lutheran Laymen's League, Theo. Lamprecht, announced that the officers of the League were ready to turn over to the Synod the sum of \$2,050,095.25, the sum available on May 17, as the proceeds of an Endowment Fund for incapacitated servants of the League and their dependents. Mr. Lamprecht also expressed the conviction that the goal of \$3,000,000 would, by the grace of God, be attained before January 1, 1921. Mr. Fred C. Pritzlaff, treasurer of the League, read the document of transfer. Synod expressed its appreciation of the efforts of the L. L. L. by a rising vote of thanks. The League also presented to Synod a memorial setting forth the conditions under which the transfer was made, and suggesting ways and means of controlling and investing the fund, which Synod adopted with the addition of the words in § c: "As long as the L. L. L. exists and maintains its singular purpose in aiding Synod with word and deed in business and financial matters."

#### CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE TRANSFER.

- a. The capital fund may be increased, but it must never be reduced or disposed of.
- b. The *proceeds* must always be used for the *care of our "Veterans of the Cross"* in the manner adopted by Synod for this purpose, and must not be used for any other purpose.

#### REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTROL AND INVESTMENT OF THE FUND.

- a. The control of the *permanent capital* of this Endowment Fund—meaning the manner of investing and safeguarding it—is to remain with Synod acting through a Special Board.
- b. The control of the *proceeds* of this permanent capital is to remain with Synod acting through the Board having such matters under charge.
- c. The Special Board mentioned in § 2a shall consist of—
 

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| The President of Synod; | The President of the L. L. L.;    |
| The Treasurer of Synod; | The Treasurer of the L. L. L.;    |
| The Secretary of Synod; | Two other members of the L. L. L. |

The last two members are to be selected by the first five permanent members of the Board, as long as the L. L. L. exists, maintains its singular purpose of aiding Synod with word and financial and business matters. At all times the majority of the Board shall consist of laymen of the Missouri Synod.

d. The Special Board is to select its own chairman, may also select an Executive Committee of three, if it seems desirable, and may itself make the rules to govern its actions.

e. The fund is to be deposited in one or more banks, companies, or safety deposit vaults to be selected by the Special Board and is to be surrounded by proper safeguards.

f. The fund shall be invested only in U. S. Government Bonds and U. S. Government Securities, or in high-class State and Municipal Bonds of this country.

Synod also endorsed the work of the Lutheran Laymen's League by passing the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That Synod, convened at Detroit June 16 to 19, appreciates the determination of the Lutheran Laymen's League to collect the balance needed to complete the Three Million Dollar Endowment Fund for our Veterans of the Cross, wishes them God's blessing, and encourages all officers and pastors as well as the laity of Synod to give further enthusiastic, energetic, and hearty support to our Lutheran Laymen's League in their efforts. That every member of Synod do his fair share towards reaching this desired end.

## Concordia Publishing House. Publication

(Germ. Rep., p. 179.)

The Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House has called attention to the fact that, according to records still extant, the Publishing House had passed its fiftieth anniversary on February 1, 1920. Another successful triennium has, by the grace of God, passed. Rising costs of labor and materials compelled the Board to raise prices. The report covered a great number of items and a corresponding number of resolutions. (For list of publications see German Report, p. 172.)

*Triglot Concordia*.—The Board reported that the publication of the Triglot Concordia (German, Latin, English) would require an investment of approximately \$45,000. In spite of extensive advertising, subscriptions have been discouragingly few. Therefore, that the project may mean a net loss of many thousands, Synod resolved that every synodical congregation be urged to contribute to a copy of this work.

*Periodicals*.—The price of periodicals has not yet been fixed. At present all but one are issued without financial gain.

on has been put on a strictly cash-in-advance basis, which saving of approximately \$8,000 annually.

It resolved that the subscription price of the *Lutheraner* and *German Witness* be increased to \$1.25 per year. The prices of printing periodicals are to be fixed by the Board of Directors Publishing House. Synod also ordered the cash-in-advance plan continued in future.

*German Sunday-school Leaflets.*—The publication of the German Sunday-school Leaflets was discontinued. The demand for them was but few localities, and therefore did not warrant the financial involved in their publication.

It approved this step. In case sufficient subscriptions are these leaflets are to be published in book form.

*Location of Plant. Installation of Vaults.*—The Board reported that it finds itself compelled to increase its work- and storage- three lots north of the printing plant have been purchased. It asked Synod whether it would not be in place to provide Synod's officials and boards, and fireproof vaults for the preservation of the increasing number of archives.

It resolved to provide necessary vaults for its archives (of various boards) in the new building to be erected by Publishing House.

*Consolidation of Magazines.*—The Board also asked whether the present professional magazines should be combined into two. No satisfactory way of combining these magazines could be was resolved that *Lehre und Wehre*, *Homiletisches Magazin*, *Theological Quarterly* appear as hitherto.

*Continuation of "Schulblatt."*—Shall the *Schulblatt* be continued as it has, for some time already, been issued at a financial committee in charge reported that the teachers' conference, the matter had been referred for discussion; petitioned Synod the *Schulblatt*, the members agreeing mutually to encourage each other to secure more subscribers for this periodical. Synod resolved to continue the publication.

*Periodicals.*—The Board asked Synod to devise ways and applying superannuated pastors as well as the students of institutions with copies of our periodicals. Formerly superannuated pastors received a copy of the *Lutheraner* and *Lehre und Wehre* upon request. Postal laws now prohibit this.

It resolved to send a copy of the *Lutheraner* or *Lutheran Witness* to superannuated pastors, and to defray the cost of this from the Synodical Treasury. The various District Boards are to inform our Publishing House to whom this courtesy is to be given.

As regards students, it was resolved that a sufficient number

of copies be provided for the various reading-rooms of our churches. The director of the institution is to determine which papers, and how many copies, are necessary. It shall be his duty to urge the brethren to read these papers in order that they may become acquainted with them. The resulting expense is to be defrayed from the Synod Treasury.

*Prices in Canada.* — It was pointed out from the floor by a representative of the Canada District that owing to war tax and other publications cost the brethren in Canada 25% over the list price. A speaker also asked if it were not possible to afford these brethren some relief. — Synod resolved to refer this matter to the Directors of the Publishing House.

*Synodical Report.* — The Board reported that the income from subscriptions to *Synodalbericht* was \$2,200 annually. Cost of publication is \$7,000. Quantity orders on the part of some Districts have decreased to such an extent that the financial losses cannot be recouped in this way.

Synod resolved that the *Synodalbericht* be no longer published as a periodical after the expiration of the present year (about the end of July), and ordered each District to provide for the publication of its report by Concordia Publishing House. The Publishing House was ordered to publish a sufficient quantity to meet extra demands. Only brief portions of the doctrinal essay are to be printed in order to make possible the appearance of the report at the session of the District. A District desiring to have the doctrinal essay printed in full may do so at its own expense.

*Statistical Year-Book. Bureau of Statistics.* — The *Statistical Year-Book* for 1918 was published at a cost of \$1,300. The result was exceptionally good and netted \$900. The statistician, Pastor J. H. Hardt, proposed the establishment of a Bureau of Statistics to gather statistics of the Synod as well as of the separate Districts, to be gathered and arranged. The expense of gathering these statistics could then be divided between the Synod and the Districts.

Synod resolved that the publication of the *Statistical Year-Book* be continued, that the various Districts provide their Presidents, Visitors, and Mission Boards with copies; that congregations be urged to purchase a copy for congregational use. Any remaining deficit shall be charged to Synod. Synod resolved to refer the question of establishing a statistical bureau to the District Synods, so that the matter may be again taken up at the Delegate Synod.

*Catalog of Institutions.* — The Directors suggested that the *Catalog of Institutions* be sent only on request, that the Directors be instructed to furnish the required matter so that the *Catalog* appear at the beginning of May, and that each institution



ed sum over the present allowance of \$25 annually for catalogs. — Synod adopted these suggestions and fixed the for separate catalogs at \$50 per year.

*English Publications.* — The report of the Publishing revealed an increased activity in issuing English publications. of 73 books and tracts, 53 were English and 20 German. to the transition to English which is going on throughout Synod by resolution approved this activity.

er's "*Ansprachen und Gebete*." — The request for a second edition of Walther's *Ansprachen und Gebete* as well as for translation thereof was left to the judgment of the Direct Publishing House.

*Catechism.* — A memorial of the Southern Wisconsin requested that an appendix be added to the Catechism enu- the confessional books of our Church, and that a question of the divinity of the Bible be inserted after question 5. ish District had asked for a revision and simplification of ism.

resolved to grant the first of these petitions, but tabled the

*graphische Musterhefte.*" — The request for a new edition copy-books was tabled.

*and Hebrew Quotations in Periodicals.* — The request to quotations from ancient languages printed in their proper left to the judgment of the editors of the various publi-

*ay-school Board.* — The One-Day Conference of St. Louis ty presented a memorial asking Synod to appoint a general school Board, charged with the duty of providing genuinely Sunday-school literature, and to arrange a thorough course school management at our theological seminaries and ools. The memorial said among other things: —

of supreme importance that the Sunday-school system of remain sound and truly Lutheran in character; that our teachers themselves organize Sunday-schools where such necessary, giving heed that truly good, Lutheran Sunday-organized and conducted as an important branch of con-activity; that, where parochial schools can exist, the goal the Sunday-school as a feeder for the parochial school be ght of; that only truly Lutheran lesson books and leaflets that the Sunday-school does not become a congregation congregation or the occasion of an antiparochial school tering the congregation; that the Sunday-school system our Synod be as uniform as possible."

expressed its approval of these sentiments and ordered

a General Sunday-school Board appointed, composed of experienced in Sunday-school work, but also interested in schools. This Board is to serve with good counsel and further recommendations for the next convention. The seminaries and normal schools were also ordered to give organizing and conducting good Lutheran Sunday-schools.

*English District Petitions.*—The petition of the English District to replace the astronomical calculations with historical calculation regarding the Lutheran Church in general and our particular was tabled.

The request for another leaflet of Bible History lesson course of Catechism instruction relative to the lesson was to the Literary Board.

The publication of a cheap edition of Dr. Abbtmeyer's *in the Sick-room* was left to the judgment of the Director Publishing House.

*Secretarial Help for Professors.*—The suggestion of printed memorial that, in view of the increasing editorial professors be supplied with the necessary secretarial help was

*Treasurers' Reports in "Lutheran Witness."*—An memorial called upon Synod to order those treasurers who in the *Lutheraner* to send a brief summary report also to the Synod resolved that this be done in future.

*Announcements in Periodicals.*—In order to avoid mis translation, announcements for publication in the church papers ordered sent to the editors in the language in which they published.

*English District Statistics in "Witness."*—The publication of the statistics of the English District in the *Lutheran Witness* ordered discontinued in order to save space and expense.

*English Bible Translation.*—The memorial asking the undertake the preparation of an English translation of the Bible was tabled.

*Responsibility for Contents of "Witness."*—An memorial of the Chicago Pastoral Conference asked Synod on the question whether the contents of the *Lutheran Witness* far as they bear on doctrine and church practise, are under supervision and responsibility of the St. Louis faculty.

Synod resolved that, in the last analysis, the St. Louis faculty be responsible for the contents of the *Lutheran Witness* as well as other periodicals, and for all religious publications published by the Publishing House. In the case of the *Witness*, however, the representative of the English District, who is elected by Synod, is responsible. This declaration shall only confirm what was decided upon in 1911 and 1914.

| Danish<br>(German alphabetical<br>order.) | 1.<br>Totals. | 2.<br>Synodical<br>Treasury. | 3.<br>Building<br>Fund. | 4.<br>Home<br>Mission. | 5.<br>Foreign<br>Mission. | 6.<br>Mount<br>Home. | 7.<br>Mission in<br>S. America. | 8.<br>Deaf-mute<br>Mission. | 9.<br>Indian<br>Mission. | 10.<br>Jewish<br>Mission. | 11.<br>For-Temp.<br>Mission. | 12.<br>Immigr.<br>Mission. |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Atlantic.....                             | 47311.85      | 8575.32                      | 3878.54                 | 4617.79                | 3233.19                   | 7.50                 | 2436.75                         | 757.76                      | 584.40                   | 173.29                    | 657.62                       | 228.77                     |
| California-Nevada..                       | 18874.69      | 1245.65                      | 667.92                  | 418.78                 | 573.79                    | 26.76                | 301.06                          | 542.26                      | 207.38                   | 54.63                     | 179.74                       | 13.80                      |
| Canada.....                               | 15218.00      | 1655.00                      | 1150.00                 | 1516.25                | 1467.00                   |                      | 1202.00                         | 283.00                      | 233.00                   | 191.00                    | 250.00                       | 50.00                      |
| English.....                              | 52707.46      | 6350.00                      | 1269.40                 | 924.64                 | 1181.97                   | 16.25                | 577.65                          | 518.97                      | 361.68                   | 54.69                     | 203.48                       | 22.22                      |
| Iowa.....                                 | 153003.65     | 14121.23                     | 4151.80                 | 13775.75               | 8704.39                   | 166.50               | 7706.04                         | 2288.26                     | 3395.83                  | 869.77                    | 2282.29                      | 215.64                     |
| Kansas.....                               | 48907.61      | 6923.44                      | 4149.58                 | 2155.55                | 4594.20                   | 10.00                | 2789.08                         | 1613.28                     | 1105.73                  | 313.32                    | 948.52                       | 98.46                      |
| Michigan.....                             | 135966.13     | 23794.12                     | 11093.44                | 12593.81               | 10438.98                  | 29.00                | 7483.65                         | 1718.11                     | 2735.89                  | 775.92                    | 1999.22                      | 263.17                     |
| Minnesota.....                            | 127234.59     | 7542.20                      | 2780.67                 | 863.79                 | 6900.22                   | 49.22                | 3044.34                         | 3405.01                     | 1953.93                  | 438.84                    | 1085.57                      | 142.28                     |
| Central.....                              | 278225.74     | 41461.63                     | 15509.28                | 19723.82               | 13919.99                  | 621.41               | 9306.09                         | 3836.75                     | 3343.51                  | 1073.00                   | 5395.40                      | 448.74                     |
| Nebraska.....                             | 108096.98     | 9500.00                      | 7962.33                 | 4758.51                | 5521.83                   | 120.00               | 3540.35                         | 1879.31                     | 1478.74                  | 436.90                    | 1144.53                      | 194.73                     |
| Northern Illinois...                      | 184039.14     | 27067.19                     | 9726.94                 | 18446.88               | 10816.49                  | 247.66               | 10693.08                        | 3919.05                     | 3652.52                  | 969.98                    | 2621.78                      | 538.75                     |
| Northern Wisconsin..                      | 45956.35      | 5907.81                      | 3758.27                 | 4329.14                | 2898.26                   | 5.00                 | 2634.37                         | 519.71                      | 1845.03                  | 209.61                    | 608.73                       | 89.00                      |
| N. Dakota-Montana..                       | 11874.87      | 653.10                       | 255.80                  | 779.83                 | 927.43                    | —                    | 168.81                          | 196.88                      | 201.67                   | 86.61                     | 54.50                        | 11.10                      |
| Oregon-Washington..                       | 14778.08      | 1184.99                      | 216.77                  | 395.09                 | 1539.91                   | —                    | 187.02                          | 136.83                      | 119.32                   | 6.50                      | 24.65                        | 2.60                       |
| Eastern.....                              | 82820.00      | 11099.29                     | 4197.85                 | 5588.15                | 4713.79                   | 93.10                | 3069.39                         | 986.28                      | 1097.63                  | 312.21                    | 1224.48                      | 123.19                     |
| South Dakota.....                         | 26568.73      | 2250.00                      | 1900.00                 | 1625.00                | 1475.00                   | —                    | 1000.00                         | 350.50                      | 278.50                   | 74.00                     | 374.50                       | 106.00                     |
| Southern Illinois...                      | 79475.85      | 9799.27                      | 3580.05                 | 9914.35                | 4085.52                   | 156.00               | 3703.43                         | 1459.14                     | 1294.90                  | 426.53                    | 991.41                       | 209.67                     |
| Southern.....                             | 5911.19       | 100.70                       | 130.34                  | 8.00                   | 120.54                    | —                    | 57.94                           | 36.69                       | 38.63                    | 11.12                     | 15.38                        | 1.00                       |
| Texas.....                                | 23552.18      | 1258.52                      | 1348.57                 | 264.27                 | 1091.96                   | 1.00                 | 389.81                          | 309.36                      | 129.12                   | 18.00                     | 131.57                       | 1.00                       |
| Western.....                              | 153304.72     | 19391.55                     | 6329.07                 | 8522.68                | 8834.01                   | 147.53               | 9480.56                         | 2945.01                     | 1965.20                  | 666.05                    | 1561.09                      | 209.36                     |
| Wisconsin (Southern)                      | 135925.94     | 18287.12                     | 6134.16                 | 16984.73               | 6385.52                   | 65.00                | 5497.03                         | 2076.28                     | 2977.24                  | 907.37                    | 1460.64                      | 256.31                     |
| Central Illinois.....                     | 127072.32     | 10817.66                     | 3830.69                 | 5492.87                | 5969.02                   | 30.00                | 5555.06                         | 1972.10                     | 1708.16                  | 747.50                    | 1657.25                      | 214.10                     |
| Pres. Protenhauer...                      | 7070.17       | 250.00                       | —                       | 250.00                 | 597.27                    | —                    | —                               | 490.00                      | —                        | —                         | —                            | —                          |
| Direct to Treasurer...                    | 1505343.84    | 308348.66                    | 1517.28                 | 5396.10                | 8543.52                   | —                    | 1479.76                         | 293.91                      | 848.68                   | 754.55                    | 268.86                       | 2453.00                    |
| Totals.....                               | 3391240.08    | 537584.45                    | 95448.75                | 139345.78              | 114533.80                 | 1791.93              | 82303.27                        | 32534.45                    | 31556.69                 | 9571.39                   | 23141.21                     | 5892.89                    |

| Donors.<br>(German alphabetical<br>order.) | 13.<br>China<br>Mission. | 14.<br>European<br>Free Ch. | 15.<br>Ch. Bldg.<br>Fund. | 16.<br>Jubilee<br>Fund. | 17.<br>German<br>Red Cr. | 18.<br>War Suf.<br>in Germ. | 19.<br>Negro<br>Mission. | 20.<br>Army and<br>Navy. | 21.<br>Support. | 22.<br>Support<br>Fund. | 23.<br>Confer-<br>ence Fd. | 24.<br>A. Bd. Rel.<br>in Europe. | 25.<br>Miscell.<br>Accounts. |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Atlantic.....                              | 504.40                   | 232.10                      | 381.46                    | 85.52                   | —                        | —                           | 3585.16                  | 7343.66                  | 5092.62         | 50.50                   | 71.60                      | 3706.72                          | 1087.18                      |
| California-Nevada...                       | 277.84                   | 90.86                       | 18.79                     | 5732.09                 | 22.50                    | —                           | —                        | 5702.48                  | 1360.41         | —                       | 103.22                     | 1076.05                          | 258.68                       |
| Canada.....                                | 100.00                   | 156.25                      | —                         | 4103.17                 | —                        | —                           | 641.00                   | 371.63                   | 1184.85         | —                       | —                          | 425.50                           | 238.35                       |
| English.....                               | 445.38                   | 181.90                      | —                         | 13389.69                | 129.37                   | 15.00                       | —                        | 22575.78                 | 2153.16         | 76.40                   | 33.50                      | —                                | 2226.33                      |
| Iowa.....                                  | 3490.65                  | 1260.30                     | 1805.26                   | 16176.71                | 517.86                   | 463.37                      | —                        | 28701.60                 | 8522.27         | 188.71                  | 1041.88                    | 4043.72                          | 29362.53                     |
| Kansas.....                                | 1010.00                  | 373.12                      | 15.75                     | 745.11                  | 488.32                   | 141.56                      | —                        | 12791.30                 | 4068.34         | 198.71                  | 26.63                      | 2554.13                          | 1793.48                      |
| Michigan.....                              | 2962.17                  | 811.44                      | 1358.87                   | 1963.88                 | 47.89                    | —                           | —                        | 32924.35                 | 11393.92        | 831.64                  | 484.21                     | 6225.48                          | 4126.97                      |
| Minnesota.....                             | 1729.46                  | 401.12                      | —                         | 25512.41                | 1100.20                  | 11.00                       | —                        | 46271.56                 | 7010.28         | 963.67                  | —                          | 2699.05                          | 13329.77                     |
| Central.....                               | 3401.38                  | 1817.68                     | 256.39                    | 74854.92                | 123.27                   | 30.45                       | —                        | 48165.73                 | 18263.69        | 1792.64                 | 898.60                     | 4286.31                          | 9695.06                      |
| Nebraska.....                              | 1382.97                  | 275.75                      | —                         | 22399.23                | —                        | —                           | —                        | 23989.06                 | 10638.06        | 1800.00                 | —                          | 6007.84                          | 5066.84                      |
| Northern Illinois.....                     | 273.28                   | 1258.86                     | 5651.32                   | 27089.02                | 452.04                   | —                           | —                        | 32644.78                 | 16346.27        | 1220.09                 | —                          | 4899.77                          | 3403.39                      |
| Northern Wisconsin.....                    | 725.15                   | 220.06                      | 13.27                     | 891.22                  | 336.57                   | 93.55                       | —                        | 12939.45                 | 2706.67         | 389.43                  | 333.56                     | 1575.76                          | 1680.05                      |
| N. Dakota-Montana.....                     | 197.28                   | 90.25                       | —                         | 1082.55                 | 54.30                    | 5.35                        | —                        | 3550.45                  | 2114.75         | 80.75                   | 167.75                     | 316.50                           | 879.21                       |
| Oregon-Washington.....                     | 118.06                   | 11.00                       | 7.50                      | 5269.89                 | 43.15                    | —                           | —                        | 3436.72                  | 459.49          | —                       | —                          | 1194.14                          | 424.45                       |
| Eastern.....                               | 1118.19                  | 557.91                      | 10.45                     | 23790.24                | 26.60                    | 56.00                       | —                        | 15107.47                 | 5733.85         | 818.82                  | —                          | 911.55                           | 2183.56                      |
| South Dakota.....                          | 320.00                   | —                           | 58.37                     | 5687.45                 | 309.72                   | —                           | 1300.00                  | 4746.05                  | 3030.00         | —                       | —                          | 227.70                           | 1514.31                      |
| Southern Illinois.....                     | 1985.10                  | 778.83                      | —                         | 12676.25                | 148.92                   | 43.00                       | —                        | 13448.22                 | 5360.98         | 40.75                   | 49.00                      | 1536.28                          | 7799.88                      |
| Southern.....                              | 17.22                    | 16.31                       | —                         | 2013.91                 | 127.54                   | —                           | —                        | 2701.84                  | 272.70          | 20.00                   | 32.25                      | 40.00                            | 149.08                       |
| Texas.....                                 | 82.89                    | 55.31                       | 41.00                     | 6630.45                 | 270.86                   | 66.15                       | —                        | 6047.94                  | 2783.23         | 364.11                  | 136.03                     | 889.18                           | 884.88                       |
| Western.....                               | 1856.89                  | 835.75                      | 498.86                    | 31632.85                | 331.01                   | 89.71                       | —                        | 29323.70                 | 10159.39        | 179.81                  | 1226.99                    | 2401.08                          | 16717.18                     |
| Wisconsin (Southern).....                  | 2668.80                  | 793.44                      | 4357.04                   | 19109.53                | —                        | 55.50                       | —                        | 33344.40                 | 7894.77         | 76.90                   | 555.46                     | 4711.19                          | 1892.58                      |
| Central Illinois.....                      | 1979.42                  | 1042.16                     | 154.35                    | 19378.30                | 38.98                    | 25.20                       | —                        | 24049.29                 | 7084.84         | —                       | —                          | 1589.18                          | 27184.91                     |
| Pres. Pfothenauer.....                     | 500.00                   | —                           | 1500.00                   | 1000.00                 | —                        | —                           | 5775.42                  | —                        | —               | —                       | —                          | 47.10                            | 189.00                       |
| Direct to Treasurer.....                   | 9446.50                  | 8240.12                     | 50980.89                  | 4969.56                 | 12.00                    | —                           | 8498.52                  | 656.60                   | 19044.62        | 2025.00                 | 18.50                      | 3092.57                          | 107.00                       |
| Totals.....                                | 33633.03                 | 19520.52                    | 67109.57                  | 326183.95               | 4581.10                  | 1095.84                     | 10444.30                 | 410834.06                | 15679.10        | 18246.00                | 1567.77                    | 1571.00                          | 1571.00                      |

### Report of the Auditing Committee.

The financial auditing committee reported that the books of the Synod had been audited by Jeff K. Stone & Co., C. P. A., and found correct and in the best of order. On recommendation of the committee in charge, Synod extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Seuel for his faithful activities.

The books of the treasurer of the Army and Navy Board were audited by Haskins & Sells, C. P. A., and found correct. On recommendation of the committee Synod extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Haskins for his exact and conscientious work as treasurer of the Army and Navy Board.

It was furthermore reported that the books of the treasurer of the American Mission Board for Foreign Countries, of the Deaf-Mute Board, and of the Jewish Mission Board had been audited and found correct. No further reports were presented. — Report of the Committee.

### Resolutions for Improving Synod's Finances.

A number of memorials were presented containing plans for improving Synod's finances and urging Synod to employ a Secretary of Finance. These memorials were referred to a committee and finally led to the following action.

*Resolved*, 1) That Synod instruct the Board of Directors (see Constitution, § 10 A. 5) to employ a competent and well-qualified member of the clergy or laity as Secretary of Finance, whose salary shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. Such employee must be a communicant member of a congregation of our Synod. It shall be his duty to prepare the Financial Budget each year, and to give proper publicity through our church periodicals and otherwise, so that each congregation of the Synod is properly informed regarding the budget for the following year.

He shall keep in touch with the various Districts, circuits, and congregations in such manner as shall be decided by the Board of Directors under whose direction, supervision, and approval his work shall be performed at all times.

2) That the Board of Directors be authorized to arrange for suitable quarters in a large city, centrally located. Should they find it advisable to employ clerical help, they shall be empowered to do so.

3) That, in order to promote its efficiency, the Organization of the Synod According to Visiting Circuits (provided for by adoption of the "Delegates' Resolutions" in 1917) be extended, by forming District Organizations. Each Visiting Circuit Organization is to select a delegate to the District Organization. These delegates are to meet at the same place and time that their respective Districts meet,

and are to organize under the direction of the District. Each delegate is to submit a report from his respective circuit showing the contributions of each congregation. These reports are to be discussed with a view of increasing contributions. If a report shows a circuit has not done its full share.

This organization is then to be further extended by a Synod Organization. Each District Organization is to send a delegate to the Synod Organization. This Synod Organization is to meet at the same time and place that the Delegate Synod meets. They are to organize under the direction of the General Conference of the Synod. Each delegate is to submit a report showing contributions from his respective District as a unit. These reports are then to be entered on the Synod Report Form. At this time the District Reports are to be discussed by the Synod Organization with a view of having every District do its full share according to the quota established.

4. That there may be uniformity in the reports submitted by the various organizations, and to assist all congregations in supporting every synodical treasury in a systematic manner, we provide a way so that the synodical officials may check up the contributions of the entire District and eventually of every congregation. We further recommend that a set of blank forms be adopted, copies hereto attached.\*

Form No. 1 is to be used by the local pastor for making entries of contributions for outside purposes, giving the date of contributions, and placing the amount in the respective column. At the name of the fund for which the contribution is intended. In making entries, he should fill in at the head of each column the quota for his congregation, based on the communicant membership. By using this sheet as his entire record of contributions, he can at a glance what treasury is short, and can readily arrange for such treasury.

Form No. 2 is the congregation's report, which is to be sent by its delegate to the Circuit Organization.

Form No. 3 is to be used by the secretary of the Visiting Organization for tabulating the total contributions from each congregation as shown on the Congregation Delegate's Report. A copy of this tabulated report is to be furnished to the visiting organization together with a copy of each individual congregation's report. The delegate to the District Organization is also to be furnished with a copy of this tabulated report.

Form No. 4 is to be used by the secretary of the District Organization to tabulate the sums contributed by each Visiting

\* For economical reasons we are printing only Form No. 1 (pp. 86, 87). The arrangement of the columns in all five forms is the same.

No. 5 is to be used by the secretary of the Synod Organization to tabulate the sums contributed by the District Organizations. Both the President of the Synod and the Financial Committee are to be supplied with a copy of this tabulated report, as well as a copy of each District Report.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 213—216.)

March 1, 1920, \$164,416.26 had been expended. 650 cases of food and 925 larger and smaller cases of food supplies were sent through this Board. The Board purchased and sent quantities of shoes, clothing, and food supplies, also, by special large case of Bibles and prayer-books, and a case of hymn-book money was also sent to accredited committees in Europe for distribution among the poor. Some benevolent institutions and churches were also granted subsidies.

Committee in charge reported that this Board had diligently performed the duties of its office, and had been the medium through which the Church has done deeds of mercy for our brethren in need. The total sum administered by the Board amounts to \$1,062. Aside from 1,062 cases of clothing and shoes and 330 packages for individual persons. The need, however, continues unabated.

**ACTION.**

resolved that the collection of money, clothing, and shoes be continued; that the circular containing information of the clothing to be gathered be reprinted and be carefully exactly followed by donors; that all those who wish to help their relatives and friends in Germany be urged to send their names and the necessary information to the Board, as the Board can buy food in Germany cheaper than it can be bought by persons in New York. The Board was ordered continued at Synod.

## Relief Board.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 216—219.)

This Board submitted a detailed financial statement of receipts and expenditures. (See German Report.) Beginning January, 1918, the treasury for widows and orphans and teachers was turned over to the Board of Support. The sum of two legacies, amounting to \$350, was turned over to students. Receipts for the Accident Relief Fund totaled \$115.00. Disbursement to stricken congregations and individuals, \$115.00. The Board also transmitted money for war relief in various amounts as specified by the donors.

Upon request of the Board and endorsement of the committee in charge, Synod resolved that the General Relief Fund be included in the budget of Synod in order to make speedy relief possible in case of severe damage from storms, fire, flood, etc.

## Legacies.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 219—224.)

The Board in charge of Synod's legacies reported the following legacies under its jurisdiction. (One asterisk indicates a legacy was turned over to the Board by the authorities of a District; asterisks indicate a legacy received during the past three years; in such cases the proceeds given are not for three years, but for the time the legacy was under control of the Board.)

| Name of the Legacy.                                       | Capital.  | Proceeds. | Designated Trust.   |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1. Savings of a Pastor's Wife                             | \$1000.00 | \$ 150.00 | Home Mission.       |
| 2. Mohn, Louise .....                                     | 7000.00   | 1050.00   | Home Mission.       |
| 3. Steinfath .....  | 47.50     | 7.14      | Home Mission.       |
| 4. Dierkson .....   | 500.00    | 75.00     | Home Mission.       |
| 5. Indigent Students (North-<br>ern Mission Friend)....   | 1000.00   | 150.00    | Indigent Students.  |
| 6. Weisbrodt .....  | 656.94    | 98.70     | Indigent Students.  |
| 7. Scheel .....   | 1000.00   | 150.00    | Indigent Students.  |
| 8. Poetsch .....  | 1000.00   | 150.00    | Indigent Students.  |
| 9. Willner .....  | 3280.00   | 685.50    | Indigent Students.  |
| 10. Starke .....  | 1000.00   | 150.00    | Indigent Students.  |
| 11. Raithel — Farm .....                                  | —         | 5098.71   | Support Treasury.   |
| 12. Heitmueller .....                                     | 1000.00   | 150.00    | Indigent Students.  |
| 13. Landre, Dorothea .....                                | 808.47    | 200.00    | Indigent Students.  |
| 14. Stutz — Real Estate .....                             | —         | 587.31    | Legacy Account.     |
| 15. Mueller, J. F. ....                                   | 400.00    | 60.00     | Indigent Students.  |
| 16. Burke .....   | 500.00    | 75.00     | Indigent Students.  |
| 17. Endowment Fund .....                                  | 182.04    | 27.30     | Home Mission.       |
| 18. Mohr, Lena .....                                      | 297.85    | —         | Synodical Treasury. |
| 19. Nikkel .....  | 3075.00   | 528.75    | Synodical Treasury. |
| 20. Legacy for Concordia Semi-<br>nary in St. Louis ..... | 756.02    | 119.16    | Concordia Seminary. |



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|------------------------|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| Students in St.        | 1000.00  | 150.00  | Indigent Students.       |
| Students in Spring     | 1000.00  | 150.00  | Indigent Students.       |
| Memorial **            | 5000.00  | 750.00  | Indigent Students.       |
| Fund (Kanabec          | 6000.00  | 150.00  | Indigent Students,       |
| Property) **           | 1000.00  | 45.83   | Home Mission, For-       |
| ing Endowm't Fund **   | 1000.00  | 45.83   | Foreign Mission.         |
|                        |          |         | Synodical Treasury.      |
|                        |          |         | Church Extension Fund,   |
|                        |          |         | Wheat Ridge Sanita-      |
|                        |          |         | rium, Institution for    |
|                        |          |         | Epileptics at Water-     |
|                        |          |         | town, Wis.               |
| ing **                 | 200.00   | 4.17    | Support Treasury.        |
|                        | 500.00   | 25.00   | Support Treasury.        |
| ts. H. **              | 1000.00  | 20.83   | Support Treasury.        |
| cke *                  | 1000.00  | 91.65   | Support Treasury.        |
| ake *                  | 100.00   | 7.50    | Support Treasury.        |
| ann **                 | 1400.00  | 122.50  | Support Treasury.        |
| as *                   | 5000.00  | 479.16  | Support Treasury.        |
| ing *                  | 1000.00  | 9.58    | Support Treasury.        |
| ppinger *              | 2000.00  | 150.00  | Support Treasury.        |
|                        | 1500.00  | 143.75  | Support Treasury.        |
| nty Fund *             | 150.00   | 13.75   | Support Treasury.        |
|                        | 2000.00  | 19.17   | Support Treasury.        |
| ke *                   | 9000.00  | 669.45  |                          |
| precht Endowment **    | 1000.00  | 125.00  | Library at Bronxville,   |
|                        |          |         | N. Y.                    |
| eral Legacy Fund ..... | 24638.16 | 2851.22 | Reverted to the Capital. |

# REMARKS.

The legacy of \$25 listed in the last report as "Lutherstiftung" was  
 over to the Jubilee Fund. On February 12, \$1,000 was turned  
 Synodical Treasury from legacy No. 41. The Stutz real estate  
 is located in Washington, D. C.; the Raithel Farm, com-  
 677 acres, in Lawrence Co., Mo. A subcommittee of three  
 near Freistatt, Mo., supervises the farm. Steps are being  
 clear the land to increase the proceeds.

The Board expressed the opinion the Synod ought to be in  
 on of many more and larger legacies, that it would be ad-  
 that, in future, all legacies be willed to Synod. Should a  
 desire to have his legacy benefit a certain institution, it need  
 indicated in the will or the legacy. The Board requested all  
 which had legacies for Support to turn them over to Synod.  
 cases this was done. The Board recommended that Synod  
 all Districts, as well as the authorities of institutions, in-  
 of legacies, to report annually to the Board concerning these  
 that they might be included in the report to Synod. It is  
 opinion of the Board that the question of investing legacies  
 be determined by the Board of Directors.

# ACTION.

The Synod adopted the report and endorsed the opinions set forth

### Legacies Administered by Districts and Institutions

(As far as reported.)

The Iowa District reported a legacy valued at \$1,000. Northern Illinois District reported 6 legacies amounting to \$2,000 and a farm of 80 acres; the Oregon and Washington District reported a legacy of \$800 and 9 acres of land.

The Teachers' College at River Forest reported 4 legacies, amounting to \$10,270; St. John's College of Winfield, 2 legacies, amounting to \$1,113.20.

Two further memorials were in charge of this committee, suggesting that all property bequeathed to Synod be profitably invested unless otherwise specified by the testator; the other, suggesting that only the totals of offerings of congregations and the totals contributed to the various treasuries be reported in the church papers.

Both memorials were tabled.

### Curtailing Demands on Synodical Treasury

WHEREAS, The Synodical Treasury has during the past years been almost constantly in arrears, and

WHEREAS, Its expenditures cannot be bounded, or even be terminated, so long as each District has or, at least, assumes the right to requisition salaries for incumbents of such offices as it deems necessary to create, from this treasury; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the salaries of only such offices as Synod itself has created, and only expenses the defrayment of which Synod has authorized, be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

### Lutheran Center in New York City.

An unprinted memorial of the Atlantic District recommended that Synod arrange a Lutheran Center to house such undertakings as Synod's Immigrant Mission, the proposed Seamen's Mission, the Eastern division of the Lutheran Laymen's League, the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, and the Lutheran Young People's Society, and at the same time offer place for a Lutheran Home. The property shall be vested in the Immigrant Mission Society, to be managed by a committee consisting of the aforementioned institutions. The Atlantic District agreed to raise \$25,000 for this cause, provided Synod appropriate the \$80,000 in the treasury of the Immigrant Mission and in addition thereto \$50,000.

The proposition was tabled.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

### Report of School Board,

April 1917 to April 1920. (Abridged.)

(Germ. Rep., pp. 226—237.)

During the past three years lesson plans, or schedules, were prepared and sent to the various Districts. The resolution of the last year providing for regular visitation of schools was carried out in the Districts. Some Districts have engaged school superintendents and others have provided for the betterment of their schools in other ways. The school question was thoroughly discussed at all District

In some Districts our brethren were compelled to carry on severe struggles against Councils of Defense and proposed legislation, designed not only to restrict but to destroy our schools. Every possible effort was made to prevent untoward legislation, but without avail. We must therefore work more earnestly, pray diligently, and employ every lawful means so that the prize be not wrested from us.

Within the Synod one finds, on the one hand, great enthusiasm for schools, but, on the other hand, weariness and little zeal for running schools. One difficulty attending the organization of schools is this, that the State laws no longer permit parish schools to be conducted five days a week. This makes it difficult for many to begin schools. The congregations must be ready from the start to employ a teacher. Where a congregation has once committed itself to a Sunday-school as a substitute for a parochial school it is a difficult matter to bring about any change. A number of schools were disbanded owing to the dearth of teachers. All told, of 500 schools and 12,825 scholars is reported.

The Board also presented seven recommendations. These, together with the recommendations contained in a number of memorials, are summarized in the following recommendation of the committee on the report:—

That in future the School Board consist of eight members, three teachers, and three laymen, one of whom shall be an attorney. That the duties of said committee shall be by advice, encouragement, instruction, and admonition to care for the preservation, improvement, and spread of our parish school system. This committee shall on the one hand maintain or reawaken the proper enthusiasm for our schools. To this end it shall immediately make a general survey of the status of our parish school system, and then publish statistics at all times as correct and complete as possible. It shall have articles on Christian Education published in all synodical periodicals, provide a press service for District and congregational

papers, as well as furnish tracts, school-sermons, and sermons. It shall secure information as to where teachers may be obtained, information concerning lesson plans, schoolbooks, school equipment, and the interior arrangement of schools in the various Districts. It shall give such information to the individual Districts. The Board shall in general look upon itself as the servant of the Districts, and in every way be of service to them in fostering and supporting our schools.

This committee shall, on the other hand, ward off the attacks of the enemies of our schools. It shall gather information of hostile tendencies and labor to remove the danger by instigating protest at the proper place. Such information of a private nature shall be transmitted to the Districts. In particular this committee shall keep the general public informed as to the purposes and achievements of our schools, and, to this end, provide for the publication of proper articles in the daily press. Wherever a school arises, it shall, on request, assist the respective District in every way.

3. That the School Board be empowered to engage a Secretary, who shall devote his entire time and energy to the work, and be responsible to the School Board. The Board of Directors shall provide the necessary means.

4. That, whereas we as a Synod are firmly determined, with the help of God, to carry on our parish school system, all congregations and parents be urged to send as many pupils as possible to the normal schools in the coming fall, and that all teachers and those who are teaching school be especially requested, despite hardships, to weary of their blessed work in these hard times.

5. With reference to the memorial concerning the resignation of teachers only during the summer, the committee recommends that the Synod urgently advise all congregations to avoid needlessly closing the schools when removing teachers.

#### ACTION.

Synod adopted these recommendations. Properly speaking, there was no debate. Many eloquent words, however, attested the fervor and enthusiasm with which Synod was resolved to carry on its work for the school system.

Rev. Frincke was given the floor to address the convention. His keynote of his speech was that Michigan is in reality the ground for the school system of our entire Synod.

Synod heartily endorsed the protest of the Michigan District on behalf of its parochial schools, and wished the brethren Godspeed in their efforts to save these schools, assuring them of its financial support in their campaign for civil and religious freedom.

## APPEALS.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 237. 238.)

... elected two special committees to whom the following were referred:—

... appeal of Pastor M. Flachsbart, of St. Charles, Mo.—The ... was referred to the Board of Support.

... appeal of Mr. F. Rindt, of White City, Kans.—The matter ... to be outside the province of Synod and referred to the ... district.

... appeal of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Pieper, of Edwardsville, Ill.— ... plaint was dismissed as unwarranted.

... appeal of O. H. Pannkoke, New York City.—The appeal was ... along to the jurisdiction of the English District, to which ... plaint was referred.

... ing to the fact that the charges of O. H. Pannkoke against ... of the *Lutheran Witness* were not specific, and that proofs ... were not adduced, Synod refrained from judging in the ... but declared its willingness to take up the charge and accusa- ... against the editors of the *Lutheran Witness* through a com- ... either appointed by the President or elected by Synod, if ... in the proper form.

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## INTERSYNODICAL MATTERS.

(Germ. Rep., pp. 239—241.)

... committee in charge of the report of Synod's representatives ... intersynodical conferences reported that, by the blessing of ... intersynodical conferences of Missouri and Wisconsin with ... Iowa have borne fruit, in that the representatives of the ... synods engaged in the discussions have agreed to a series ... eses on the doctrine of man's conversion, thus warranting ... that the synods hitherto divided by doctrinal differences ... to a better mutual understanding in this doctrine.

... committee reported that it had examined said theses and ... am not only conformable to the Scriptures and the con- ... of the Lutheran Church, but also a concise presentation of ... tural doctrine of conversion, offering a sufficient basis for ... it in this doctrine.

... and resolved to have these theses printed and sent to all con- ... by the respective District Presidents for inspection, dis- ... and examination.

... reas, however, the goal of the intersynodical conferences — ... the doctrine of election — has not yet been achieved, Synod ... furthermore —

1. To declare itself ready together with our sister Synods to continue the doctrinal discussions with the Iowa Synods.

2. That the present committee, consisting of Prof. Geo. Pastors Otto L. Hohenstein and J. G. F. Kleinhans, continue sent our Synod at the conferences.

In conclusion Synod also expressed the hope that the Church who has commanded us diligently "to keep the spirit in the bond of peace" would continue to vouch blessings on these conferences, and recommended them to the necessary prayers of its members, in order that the praiseworthy of complete doctrinal union, and, God willing, of peaceful cooperation of said synods may be achieved.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

### Synodical Services.

(Germ. Rep., p. 241.)

Friday evening, June 18 — Sermons on "Christian Education" and "The Parochial School," at St. Peter's Church; Rev. J. W. (German). At Immanuel Church Rev. Alex. v. Schlichten preached a German sermon. At St. Andrew's Church Rev. Paul F. Bender delivered an English sermon.

Sunday, June 20, 3.00 P. M., joint synodical missionary services were held at the Arena, Woodward Ave. and Hendrie St. Missionary addresses: Rev. C. Dietz, Sr., on "Home Missions" (German); Rev. Carl Schmidt on "Home Missions Abroad" (German); Rich. Kretzschmar on "Foreign Missions" (English); Rev. A. D. on "Slovak Missions"; Rev. F. Sattelmeyer on "Polish Missions"; Vice-President H. P. Eckhardt on "Our Mission Work" (English).

Wednesday evening, June 23 — Pastoral service with Holy Communion. At Trinity Church, German sermon by Rev. H. C. Muhly; at Bethlehem Church, German sermon by Rev. H. C. Muhly; at Christ Church, English sermon by Rev. H. C. Muhly.

### Offer of Ev. Luth. Sanatorium and Hospital Association of Hot Springs, S. Dak.

This association offered to all pastors and teachers of the Missouri Synod and their dependents free treatment in case of illness and 50 per cent. discount on all hospital and sanatorium bills. It was asked that their institution be recommended to patients.

Synod resolved to accept this kind offer.

## Printed Memorial of Rev. Kaufmann.

Memorial asked Synod to lodge a protest with the French through the American ambassador against the abuse of civilians, particularly women and children, on the part of Colonial troops in the occupied zones. — The memorial

## Votes of Thanks.

Thanks of Synod were voted to the following: 1. The Commission, Constitution, Prof. L. Fuerbringer, Pres. J. H. C. Fritz, and W. Boehne; 2. the Army and Navy Board; 3. all departing members; 4. the Juvenile Literature Committee; 5. the L. L. L.; 6. the Kansas Districts and the brethren in Conover; 7. Mr. [unclear], of Winfield, Kans.; 8. the liberal friends of our Fort [unclear] Institution; 9. Treasurer E. Seuel; 10. Secretary R. D. Biehn; 11. the Detroit congregations, the individual families who aided the members of Synod, as well as the ladies of the Detroit congregations for their services; 12. the Detroit press: the *Abend-News*, *Free Press*, and *Journal*; 13. the Detroit Tourist Bureau loan of literature and plates for publicity; 14. the American Publicity Bureau of New York for the Synodical Number of the *American Lutheran*; 15. the Police Department; 16. the [unclear] Aid Society of Detroit.

## Greetings.

Letters of greeting were received from Vice-President J. Hilgenberg who was not able to be present owing to advanced years, and declined the nomination for another term of office; from Rev. H. [unclear], D. D., for many years chairman of the College of Presidents from the brethren in Australia through Prof. George Koch of the [unclear] Seminary at Adelaide, Australia; from the Norwegian [unclear] through Prof. S. Ylvisaker, Ph. D.; and from the brethren in America through President Mueller.

Synod ordered greetings sent to Rev. J. Hilgendorf and Rev. H. [unclear], D. D.; to the Synod of Australia; to the Norwegian [unclear]; to the brethren in South America as well as to all laborers in lands; to Rev. J. Adam Detzer, ex-President of the English [unclear], who for a long time has been very seriously ill. — The secret occasion to deliver in person Synod's greetings to Rev. [unclear]. Pastor Detzer was deeply touched. Through the secretary he [unclear] Synod stand fast in its confession and courageously to continue [unclear] Lord's work. He said he hoped to meet the brethren in heaven.

### Doctrinal Essay.

At five morning sessions, Prof. F. Pieper, D. D., of St. Louis, read five instalments of an essay on "Christianity the Young Man's Religion."

Synod resolved to tender its heartiest thanks to Dr. Pieper for his excellent lectures, and to publish them in pamphlet form in German and English. The question of publishing these essays in *Lutheraner* and *Witness* was left to the judgment of the respective editors.

### Next Convention.

The congregations of Fort Wayne as well as those of St. Louis kindly invited Synod to meet in their midst in 1923. The St. Louis invitation was accepted (194 votes to 185) in order that the diamond jubilee of Synod might on this occasion be celebrated in the city.

### FORM No. 2

#### Financial Report of the Evangelical Lutheran

Rev. \_\_\_\_\_

Pastors Salary \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Teachers Salary \_\_\_\_\_

All other expenses, \_\_\_\_\_

| SYNOD BUDGET                          | Comm'c't<br>Member | Synodical<br>Treasury | Building<br>Fund | General<br>Home<br>Missions |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Average Amount for Each Communicant   |                    | .39                   | .14              | .27                         |
| Amount Estimated for the Congregation |                    |                       |                  |                             |
| Amount Contributed                    |                    |                       |                  |                             |
| Balance                               |                    |                       |                  |                             |

N. B.—Balance represents the difference between the estimate and the total amount contributed.



Walther and others gave so powerful an impetus to the work of Synod. The completion and dedication of the new building was also looked forward to at that time.

## Adjournment.

In his closing remarks, President F. Pfotenhauer reminded the convention that we are citizens of heaven, whose duty it is to preserve ourselves and to bring to others Jesus, the true ladder to heaven. We let each delegate do what he can to have the resolutions of the convention carried out. Hereupon the convention united in singing Luther's "Es woll' uns Gott genaedig sein." The Confession of the Augsburg and the Lord's Prayer spoken in unison, brought the convention to a close Friday noon, June 25, to meet again, God willing, in June in 1923.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

Report of \_\_\_\_\_

for the year ending December 31, 1920

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Difference (balance) in red ink.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate

P. O. Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Officers of Synod.

### I. OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THREE YEARS.

#### General Officers.

REV. F. PFOTENHAUER, *President*.  
 REV. F. BRAND, *First Vice-President*.  
 REV. J. W. MILLER, *Second Vice-President*.  
 REV. G. A. BERNTHAL, *Third Vice-President*.  
 REV. H. P. ECKHARDT, *Fourth Vice-President*.  
 REV. M. F. KRETZMANN, *Secretary*.  
 MR. E. SEUEL, *Treasurer*.

#### Board of Directors.

*Ex officio*: The President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer;  
 W. Hagen, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Benjamin Bosse, Evansville, Ind.;  
 Henry W. Horst, Rock Island, Ill.; Mr. Fred Pritzlaff, Milwaukee, W.

#### Boards of Control.

The presidents of the respective Synodical Districts are *ex officio* members.

1. *St. Louis*: Dr. C. C. Schmidt; Messrs. H. F. Bente, A. G. Brauer, J. P. Hahn.
2. *Springfield*: Rev. C. A. Weiss; Messrs. G. Bretscher, J. Van Haren, Henry Ostermeier.
3. *River Forest*: Rev. E. Werfelmann; Messrs. W. Schlake, P. Schulze, C. A. Zuttermeister.
4. *Seward*: Rev. H. Miessler; Messrs. H. Beckmann, F. Christensen, H. Diers, J. Harms, P. Herpolsheimer, H. Kath.
5. *Fort Wayne*: Rev. A. Lange; Messrs. W. Breuer, H. Hartwig, G. Scheimann.
6. *Milwaukee*: Rev. B. Sievers; Messrs. W. A. Starke, C. Tegge, A. Wangerin.
7. *St. Paul*: Rev. E. Nachtsheim; Messrs. J. H. Henke, A. Hillmann, F. H. Joesting.
8. *Concordia*: Rev. C. Baepler; Messrs. W. Dierker, Henry Rolf, Voigt.
9. *Bronxville*: Rev. W. Koepchen; Messrs. F. C. Haeckel, M. D. Holtorf, W. Wieda.
10. *Winfield*: Rev. R. Miessler; Messrs. J. P. Baden, D. Meyer, H. Struebing.
11. *Conover*: Revs. Geo. Mennen and M. F. Kuegele; Messrs. C. Coyner, C. F. Hefner, J. F. Haller, G. Moehlmann.

#### Electoral Boards.

In addition to the following persons, the President and the Board of Control are members of the Electoral Board.

#### A. Institutions of the Synod.

1. *St. Louis* (names arranged according to the number of votes): Revs. W. Behrens, J. A. Friedrich, M. Sommer, F. E. Brauer, F. Brust. *Substitutes*: Revs. H. A. Klein, A. Doerffler, A. Fuehler, H. Maack, F. W. Mahler.
2. *Springfield*: Revs. O. L. Hohenstein, J. G. Kleinhans, O. H. Horn, G. Schueassler, E. Zapf. *Substitutes*: Revs. F. Tresselt, E. Berthold, Th. Wolfram, R. F. Zimmermann.
3. *River Forest*: Revs. G. F. Boerger, A. Pfothenauer, Aug. Burger. *Substitutes*: Revs. A. D. Wangerin, O. Gruner. — Teachers J. G. Theis, Rupprecht. *Substitute*: Teacher Th. Markworth.

**Card:** Revs. P. Matuschka, M. J. Von der Au, H. Erck. *Substitutes:* A. Mehl, Th. Hartmann, J. Holstein, A. Schormann. — Teachers: J. H. Brase. *Substitute:* Teacher Th. H. Aufdemberge.

**Fort Wayne:** Revs. J. M. Gugel, Th. Schurdel, F. Wambagans, Sr., A. F. Bernthal. *Substitutes:* J. D. Matthius, J. E. Elbert, P. Schulz.

**Wilwaukee:** Revs. K. Schmidt, C. F. Dietz, H. Grueber, F. A. Hert-Nuechterlein. *Substitutes:* Revs. H. Kowert, F. Selle, C. P. Schulz, J. G. Schliepsiek.

**St. Paul:** Revs. H. Bouman, P. Brammer, J. Cloeter, J. C. Meyer. *Substitutes:* Revs. F. Koenig, C. G. Seltz, J. P. Klausler, A. W. Schneider.

**Concordia:** Revs. C. Bernthal, C. Niermann, Geo. Mueller, L. J. Fritz, H. Schabacker. *Substitutes:* Revs. Th. Juengel, E. Koch, W. L. Reith, J. F. Schmidt.

**Bronxville:** Revs. Aug. Brunn, M. Walker, Chr. Kuehn, O. Sieker. *Substitutes:* Revs. K. Kretzmann, W. Koenig, P. Loeber, G. Schmidt.

**Winfield:** Revs. C. Hafner, Ed. Oelschlaeger, J. W. Behnken, P. D. A. G. Dick. *Substitutes:* Revs. H. Studtmann, M. Senne, M. K. C. H. Wilkens, K. Karstensen.

**Conover:** Revs. E. J. Friedrich, H. Schroeder, J. F. Wenchel, P. *Substitutes:* Revs. C. Kuegele, F. H. Meuschke, G. E. Long, W. D.

#### B. Institutions of Respective Districts.

**1. Oakland:** Rev. A. Brohm; Mr. P. W. Ehlen; Revs. G. Jacobsen, *Substitutes:* Revs. A. E. Michel, A. Hansen, G. Smukal, H. W. Troeger.

**2. Portland:** Revs. C. J. Beyerlein, F. Dobberfuhr, Oscar Fedder, C. H. *Substitutes:* Revs. E. H. Brandt, F. Westerkamp, H. C. Ebeling, P. Hillmann, H. Roecker.

**3. Porto Alegre:** The Board for Home Missions in Foreign Countries.

#### Directors of Concordia Publishing House.

**Newly elected:** Rev. J. H. C. Fritz; Teacher G. Runge; Messrs. H. *Remaining in office:* R. Leonhardt, W. Jung, Geo. D. Carl.)

#### Mission Boards.

**1. Home Missions in North America:** Revs. C. F. Dietz, H. Grueber, F. Ruenzel, Ernst Kuechle.

**2. Home Missions in Foreign Countries:** Revs. K. Schmidt, O. C. *Substitutes:* Revs. E. Zapf; Messrs. Frank Buszin, C. Zollmann.

**3. Foreign Missions:** Prof. L. Fuerbringer, Prof. E. Pardieck; Revs. *Substitutes:* Revs. Barth, R. Kretzschmar; Messrs. W. Lehr, G. Schmidt (St. Louis, Mo.). *Members at large:* Prof. F. Zucker; Vice-President F. Brand; Revs. J. F. *Substitutes:* Revs. P. Roesener, H. M. Zorn; Prof. Sigurd C. Ylvisaker.

**4. Deaf-mute Missions:** Revs. J. Huchthausen, A. H. Kuntz, E. Nachts- *Substitutes:* Revs. Walter A. Ellinger, J. P. Miller (St. Paul and Minneapolis).

**5. Foreign-tongue Missions:** Revs. F. Markworth, J. D. Matthius, F. *Substitutes:* Revs. Wambagans, Sr.; Messrs. P. G. Dammeyer, H. C. Vehling (Indianapolis, *and vicinity*).

**6. Jewish Missions:** Revs. S. Frey, Arthur Hanser, H. Steup; Messrs. *Substitutes:* Revs. A. Meyer, W. F. Weber.

**7. Indian Missions:** Revs. O. Boettcher, G. Fierke, F. H. Siebrandt; *Substitutes:* Revs. Robert Genrich, C. Telschow (Wausau, Wis., *and vicinity*).

**8. Immigrant and Seamen's Missions:** Revs. A. Beyer, J. C. Borth; *Substitutes:* Revs. H. Brummer, N. A. Stemmermann. *(Remaining in office:* Rev. *Substitutes:* Revs. H. Ressmeyer, Theo. Lamprecht).

**Auditing Committee.**

Messrs. W. Schlake, P. Schulze, F. H. Wolff (Chicago, Ill.).

**Board of Support.**

Rev. F. G. Kuehnert; Teacher O. Kolb, Sr.; Messrs. C. H. Dehn, Theo. Doering, O. C. Miessler (Chicago and vicinity).

**Relief Board.**

Rev. A. Lange, Prof. F. Zucker, Mr. H. C. Paul (Fort Wayne, Ind.).

**Church Extension Board.**

Revs. W. Hallerberg, F. W. Weidmann; Teachers R. Mangelsdorf, Papke; Messrs. H. Schieferdecker, C. Burde (St. Louis, Mo.).

**Literary Board.**Mr. E. Seuel, *ex officio*; Rev. M. S. Sommer; Teacher H. F. Rehn (St. Louis, Mo.).**School Board.**

Revs. Theo. Schurdel, Geo. Gotsch; Teachers Paul Schefft, Geo. Zander; Messrs. Karl Zorn, Henry Vogel, Geo. Schwan, attorney-at-law (Cleveland, O.).

Editor of "Lutheran Witness": Rev. M. S. Sommer.

Corresponding Secretary: Prof. L. Fuerbringer.

Statistician: Rev. E. Eckhardt.

Railroad Secretary: Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim.

**II. OFFICERS NOT SUBJECT TO TRIENNIAL ELECTION.****Boards of Examiners and Collocutors.***For Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.* (and for foreign applicants who have had a theoretical training in theology): The President of the Western District (Rev. J. H. C. Fritz) and the President of the institution (Prof. F. Pieper, D. D.).*For Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.* (and for applicants who have had a practical training in theology): The President of the Central Illinois District (Rev. W. Heyne) and the President of the institution (Prof. R. D. Biedermann).*For Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Ill.* (and for applicants who have graduated from other normal schools): The President of the Northern Illinois District (Rev. F. Brunn, Sr.) and the faculty of the institution.*For Concordia Teachers' College, Seward, Nebr.* (and for applicants who have graduated from other normal schools): The President of the Nebraska District (Rev. C. F. Brommer) and the faculty of the institution.*For Applicants for Teaching and Preaching in South America:* The President of the Brazil District (Rev. E. Mueller) and the President of the institution in Porto Alegre (Prof. J. Kunstmann).**Faculties.****A. Institutions of the Synod.**1. *Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.:* F. Pieper, D. D., President; L. Fuerbringer; F. Bente; G. Mezger; W. H. T. Dau; E. A. W. Kraus, D. D.; E. Pardieck; Th. Graebner.2. *Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.:* R. D. Biedermann, President; L. Weasel; Fr. Streckfuss; Th. Engelder; R. Neitzel. Assistant Professors: W. Rehr; P. Scaer.

- Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Ill.*: W. C. Kohn, Director; A. Kaepfel; Alb. Miller; F. H. Schmitt; E. Koehler; G. Eifrig; J. H. E. Engelbrecht; O. F. Rusch. Assistants: A. Beck; Revs. H. Moeller.
- Concordia Teachers' College, Seward, Nebr.*: F. W. C. Jesse, Director; H. Weller; F. Strieter; C. Haase; A. Schuelke; H. B. Fehner; J. T. P. Reuter. Assistants: W. Hellwege; Miss M. Haase.
- Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.*: M. Luecke, Director; F. W. H. Kruse; W. L. Moll; G. V. Schick, Ph. D.; W. C. Burhop; Kunstmann. Assistants: Revs. E. Schnedler, G. Schmidt, W. A. Hassold.
- Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.*: M. J. F. Albrecht, Director; G. W. Mueller; O. Hattstaedt; C. Ross; C. Gaenssle; A. Berg. Assistants: Alf. Eichmann; Paul Zanow.
- Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.*: Th. Buenger, Director; H. W. Laeger, Ph. D.; W. Moenkemoeller; C. Heuer; E. Lussky; S. C. Schlueter. Assistants: Several for short terms each.
- St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.*: J. H. C. Kaepfel, Director; H. A. Baepfel; H. Lobeck; W. Schaller; W. Arndt. Assistant: Scheumann.
- Concordia Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.*: G. A. Romoser, Director; H. Stein, Ph. D.; R. W. Heintze; J. A. Schwoy, A. M.; L. Heinmeyer; Theo. Hausmann. Assistants: H. J. Rippe; O. Prokopy.
- St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.*: A. W. Meyer, Director; H. Scaer, M. A.; L. Steiner, B. S.; M. Graebner; J. H. Knoll. Assistant: Osw. Knoll.
- Concordia College, Conover, N. C.*: O. W. Kreinheder, President; Smith; M. Coyner; C. F. Fredericks.

#### B. Institutions Belonging to Districts.

- Porto Alegre*: J. F. Kunstmann, President; L. C. Rehfeldt. Assistants: P. Schelp; L. Tietboehl.
- Concordia College, Oakland, Cal.*: Theo. Brohm, Director; H. R. A. Eifert. Assistants: Theo. Brohm, Sr.; Rev. J. H. Theiss.
- Concordia College, Portland, Oreg.*: F. W. J. Sylwester, Director; Ankenbuehler.

### Addenda to the "Synodalbericht."

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Zu Seite 44, Seminar in St. Louis betreffend: *Beschlossen*, 11. dass credit system auch auf unserer Anstalt in St. Louis eingefuehrt werden soll.

Auf derselben Seite: Punkt 9 wurde *auf den Tisch gelegt*.

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# Manual for Young People's Societies

By PROFESSOR E. H. ENGELBRECHT.

Upon the initiative and under the auspices of the committee appointed by President Pfotenhauer for English Religious and Theological Literature, Professor Engelbrecht of our Normal School at River Forest has written a book which, we think, fills a gap in our literature, and really fills that gap. The need for organizing and maintaining young people's societies is keenly felt in all our churches, but frequently such societies are not formed, or, if formed, languish and succumb because there is no guidance or reference material available to guide the inexperienced to do what should be done, and to do it as it should be done.

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